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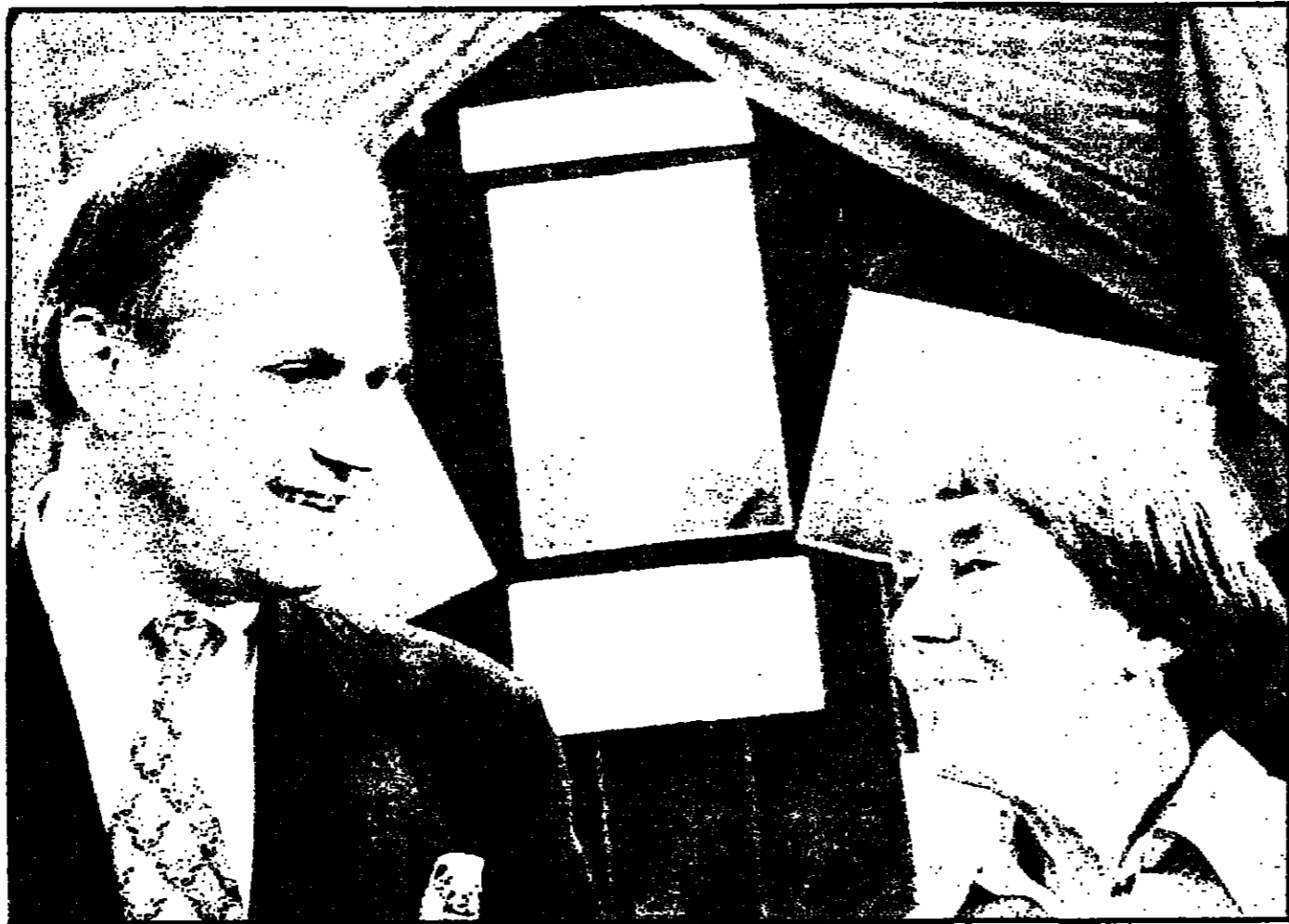
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Righteous Gentile remembered

Swiss Ambassador Thomas G. Borer talks to Ruth Roduner yesterday at a dedication ceremony for a square in Kiryat Ono named for her father Paul Gruninger, a Swiss police officer who saved more than 2,000 Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution by helping them cross the border into Switzerland.

PM: There is no final status map

By MICHAL YUDELMAN, SARAH HONG, and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu denied that any of the maps published yesterday as his proposals for the final status boundaries are authentic. "What was printed does not necessarily represent my intentions," he told a group of Ethiopian immigrants who met him at Likud headquarters in Tel Aviv yesterday. The group, all Likud activists, outlined their community's unique problems, but also heard a lot that did not specifically pertain to their absorption difficulties.

Netanyahu told them he had "seen in the press a number of contradictory claims and maps about my supposed plans. The fact is that I have not shown maps to anyone. I do have thoughts about the final status arrangements. This week, we began a series of consultations to draw up maps. What was published, however, is not accurate, and does not necessarily represent my intentions."

As Netanyahu spoke, a noisy Meretz demonstration against him was going on outside.

According to *Yediot Aharonot's* report on the maps, the Palestinians will get 60 percent of the West Bank, while *Ha'aretz* reported that Netanyahu's proposal allocates only some 40% of the West Bank to the Palestinians and will keep most settlements under Israeli sovereignty.

Ha'aretz's military commentator Ze'ev Schiff, who wrote the story, said that 40% is only Israel's opening position. He noted that Netanyahu will renounce sovereignty over settlements near Jenin, but refrains from saying so for fear of the reaction of his right-wing coalition partners.

The reported map keeps the Jordan Valley under Israeli control, with the Palestinians receiving the northwest coast of the Dead Sea. A road or corridor would connect Jericho to Ramallah. Jerusalem would be extended to Ma'aleh Adumim and

Kfar Adumim in the east, Gush Etzion in the south, and Beit El in the north.

One of the most outstanding features are the roads or corridors planned for both sides. The Palestinian roads would join Gaza and the West Bank and link Kalkilya, Tulkarm, and Jericho. Israel would have four "safe" roads, two in the northern part of the West Bank and two in the southern part, linking Israel to the Jordan Valley.

Sources close to Netanyahu said the different reports about the maps must have been put together on the basis of the strategic demands and evaluations presented by the security establishment.

They noted that the security authorities months ago presented a map which was described as giving 50% of the West Bank to the Palestinians. That too was not supposed to be the final status map, but described what Israel needs for its strategic defense.

The sources noted that political leaders have different considerations than security heads, who want optimal security and demand maximum conditions, leaving it to politicians to decide what is really necessary.

The Palestinians rejected with disgust the reports about the maps. Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestinian Preventive Security, said that "all of the West Bank and Gaza is Palestinian land occupied in 1967, and Netanyahu cannot dictate by force what he wants. He can dream, however, what he desires."

Settlement leaders were astounded by the reports. According to Yehiel Leter, of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, "As it is now, the Palestinians have 29% of the land, so there is not much difference between that and the 40% offered, but we will never agree to such a large continuous area surrounding Jerusalem to be handed over to the Palestinians. It is not a quantitative issue but a qualitative one."

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New device solves Shabbat electronic lock problem

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Ben Moshe, an Orthodox Jew who works for a major airline, lived in a deluxe hotel in Beijing, and the door to his room propped open for 24 hours, rather than use the electronic door lock on Shabbat. But he may not have to do so any longer.

It is an invention by a company in the Tefen Industrial Park. Glal-Tech specializes in developing electronic entry and security systems. It says that it has produced a Shabbat electronic lock which can be used for single rooms, a floor or an entire wing of the hotel. The lock is operated with a magnetic card, which as with the usual electronic

lock, can be programmed for each individual guest.

The company has acquired both Israeli and US patents and the device also has received the approval of the Tsomet Institute in Alon Shvut, which specializes in matters of Halacha, ethics, and technology.

Rabbi Yisrael Rosen, director of the Tsomet Institute, said it got involved with the problem of electronic locks because more and more hotels are using them.

Although the company hinted that its invention could be adapted to enable Orthodox Jews to turn on lights or air conditioners in their homes, Rosen warned that at present it would be prohibitively costly.

US: Netanyahu and Arafat must agree before summit

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The United States is interested in delaying the meeting between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat until a package of agreements accepted by both sides is completed.

Arafat wants to meet Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Page 2

The US fears a meeting without such agreement will lead to an "explosion" which will blow up the entire negotiation process.

This message from the US arrived last night, in the middle of the meeting between Netanyahu and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's envoy Osama el-Baz. Jerusalem sources said.

Netanyahu and el-Baz said after their meeting that the contacts will

continue.

El-Baz came to brief Netanyahu as to Arafat's answer to the proposals raised by Netanyahu and Mubarak at their summit meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh on Tuesday. Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny, cabinet secretary Danny Navah and Netanyahu's advisers Dore Gold and Uzi Arad also attended the meeting.

The sources said the Americans seem to feel that the Egyptians have greater clout with the Palestinians at this point, and are not objecting to the use of this avenue. They pointed out that the present contacts are not "a major mediation effort," but an attempt to get the Palestinians back to the negotiating table.

According to the sources, the Egyptians' change of tone vis-à-vis the peace process derives from their concern about considerable American cuts in their foreign financial aid and their desire to show that they are not an obstacle to the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

Israel may host major Euro soccer final in 2000

The Israel Football Association (IFA) yesterday received notification from UEFA, the governing body of European soccer, that Israel may be chosen to host the final of either the European Cup or the Cup Winners' Cup in 2000.

While the notification is still tentative, UEFA has confirmed that Israel will definitely host the European under-16 championships in that year. Should Israel host one of the two major European finals, it would be the most important international sporting event ever to be held here.

But before this could happen, the National Stadium in Ramat Gan will have to undergo a major face-lift to increase capacity from its current 45,000 seats, and also provide much improved facilities for the media.

Former soccer star Uri Malmillian asked to form haredi team

By ORI LEWIS

The Jewish genius has come up with a solution for observant soccer fanatics — an all-observant team which will not play on Shabbat.

The idea was mooted yesterday by Jerusalem deputy mayor Haim Miller, who has charged former Betar Jerusalem soccer star Uri Malmillian with setting up and

training a team which will compete in local leagues.

"There is a great deal of interest in the religious community in local soccer, but there is a barrier and the haredim are not going to either go to games or to play because most league matches take place on Shabbat," Miller said.

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in brief

Palestinian who criticized PA arrested

A Palestinian who complained that his detained son was being tortured by Palestinian Authority security forces has been arrested, his family said yesterday. Shawkat Salah, 55, was first arrested Wednesday morning, two days after testifying at a news conference about the alleged abuse of his imprisoned son, who is suspected of murder. Salah was held 12 hours at the Bethlehem police station and released late Wednesday, only to be arrested again yesterday morning, his son Iman said. AP

Ma'alot terror victims remembered

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan represented the government at yesterday's memorial marking 23 years since 22 students from the Comprehensive Religious High School in Safed were killed in a terror attack in Ma'alot. Members of the bereaved families, residents of the city, and hundreds of others participated. Itim

11 killed on roads this week

Eleven people were killed in traffic accidents this week, compared to 12 last week. A significant number of those killed were pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists. A total of 258 people have been killed on the roads since the beginning of the year. In an effort to crack down on traffic offenders, police pulled over 461 vehicles for safety violations this week and handed out 1,075 tickets to truck drivers. Itim

Winning numbers and cards

Ticket number 363546 in the weekly Payis Hazak draw won the NIS 1 million prize. Ticket 617921 won a car. Tickets 267020, 481785, 214066, 759360, 657888, 876373, 712855 and 240772 won NIS 5,000. Tickets ending in 83634, 08431, 70372, 54708, 97211, 35276, 99426, 17410, 75857, 94458, 26568, 96515, 72044, 90490, 04947, 53293, 09858, 22169 and 26198 won NIS 1,000. Tickets ending in 014, 835, 073, and 547 won NIS 100. Tickets ending in 37, 01, 18, and 70 won NIS 30. Tickets ending in 95 and 50 won NIS 20, and those ending in 1 and 5 won NIS 10. The winning cards in yesterday's first Chance draw were the seven of spades, jack of hearts, nine of diamonds, and king of clubs. The results of the second draw were the king of spades, ten of hearts, seven of diamonds and king of clubs.



Labor MK Shlomo Ben-Ami (left) meets with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Ramallah yesterday. (The Res)

Arafat wants to meet Yosef

By MICHAL YUDELMAN, SARAH HONIG, and news agencies

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat wants to meet Shas' spiritual mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, as part of an attempt to get the peace process back on track. Arafat sent this message to Yosef via MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, a candidate for Labor's leadership, during their meeting in Ramallah yesterday. Arafat considers Shas a central and most influential component of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition. Arafat told Ben-Ami he still believes in the peace process, and has great confidence in the

Egyptian arbitration. He noted, however, that he was troubled by the vacuum the United States is creating in the region, by pulling out of the mediation efforts. Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri said yesterday that "there is nothing new in the fact that Yasser Arafat has long been trying to secure an audience with Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. He and his people have also been trying to involve Shas in the negotiations." Deri said he doesn't know if Yosef will agree to meet with Arafat. "That is his decision and, as we always do, we will abide by his decision, whatever it is." Nevertheless Deri said that "Shas has no intention of becoming a side in the negotiations and of

being used in order to pressure the elected government of Israel. Arafat must negotiate with the government and not to meddle in internal Israeli politics and try to win friends and influence people in other parties with an eye to making the prime minister's task more difficult. We will not play that game." But Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Ilan said the premier would have "no objections to Arafat seeing anybody he wishes" as long as it was clear that "negotiations have to be conducted with elected representatives of the Israeli people." A Palestinian official said Arafat would welcome Yosef's help in renewing the peace talks and that Arafat sees Shas as an important element in Israeli politics.

Netanyahu agrees to attend HU ceremony

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and MICHAL YUDELMAN
A palpable sigh of relief could be heard from Hebrew University officials yesterday afternoon, when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu changed his mind and agreed to attend the university's

Terror suspect bares 'torture' wounds to High Court

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

A suspected terrorist made his point in the High Court of Justice yesterday, when he bared his flesh to show the justices what he said were wounds inflicted by his interrogators. The bench, consisting of President Aharon Barak and Justices Eliezer Goldberg and Dorit Beinisch, later ordered the head of the Justice Department unit which investigates the police to report back within 10 days on whether Omar Ghanimat had been tortured by General Security Service interrogators. Ghanimat requested that the



Omar Ghanimat (Brian Hendler)

freely, saying that he feared them. After the request was granted, Ghanimat climbed onto a bench and showed the justices wounds along the length of his arm. He then revealed his ankles which, he said, were swollen. According to Ghanimat, his handcuffs had been tightened so as to prevent blood from flowing through his arms and his hand was hurt when he was kicked and dragged along the floor. He said the interrogators had placed a chair on his chest and jumped on it and also prevented him from sleeping normal hours. Prosecutor Shai Nitzan said that two medical reports indicated

Ghanimat's wounds had been caused by handcuffs rubbed against the skin. There was unnecessary physical pressure being exerted on him, Nitzan said, and none would be, unless some dramatic new development. Nitzan requested that the records of interrogation employed the GSS be discussed behind closed doors, saying it would be harmful to future interrogations if these methods are revealed. Ghanimat is suspected of belonging to Izzadin Kassam, armed wing of Hamas, and is brother of the Apropro cafe sui bomber.

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found need to speak unequivocally express his feelings about the legal and academic elites in this country, of which he does not approve.

"One of his first initiatives without any provocation was that he said there was a need to make order in the academic world in Israel," said Lissak. "Order is a very loaded word in the history of political and academic elites. In his role as prime minister, he should not have launched such an attack, and I felt I should respond to it."

Lissak noted that Oxford University had refused to grant former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher an honorary doctorate after her election, even though she was an Oxford graduate, because of her attacks on academia.

Prof. Yaron Ezrahi, another of the signers, said that "it's unprecedented in the history of Hebrew University that the presence of a prime minister in the convocation be subject to such objection, but it is also unprecedented that an Israeli prime minister would launch such systematic attacks on the vital institutions of an enlightened democracy like public broadcasting and the free press, which he accused in a wholesale manner and in sweeping generalizations with trying to oppose the mandate he got from the public."

"This kind of incitement of the public against the press is a strategy not acceptable from democratic leaders."

"Secondly, he has failed to fulfill his role as a public trustee by consistently violating professional norms in his appointments of public servants. The university is neither an extension of the state, nor a private profit-making institution. It represents a commitment to the principles of free critical discourse, and high professional standards on which we educate our students, and we cannot remain indifferent in the fact of this unprecedented condition, where the prime minister attacks these principles."

مكتبة الاصل

Anti-Israel incidents near Druse village cause alarm

By DAVID RUDGE

Police are investigating the discovery of the remains of a firebomb on the patrol road along the border with Syria close to Majdal Shams village.

The discovery was made by IDF troops on patrol in the area on Wednesday night. It was not clear whether it had been thrown at army vehicles in the area and missed, or had been planned there for later use. Police said tracks from the scene led towards Majdal Shams.

In a separate incident yesterday, the national flag atop the local council offices in Majdal Shams was found burned. Police are investigating.

The incidents raised concern over the possibility of another wave of nationalistic incidents by pro-Syrian elements in the Druse villages on the Golan, where unrest has been growing recently.

In January, police and the General Security Service arrested five Golan Heights Druse on suspicion of being behind a series of arson attacks last year, including two incidents in which petrol bombs were thrown at IDF patrols.

The suspects, three adults and two juveniles, all from Majdal Shams, were remanded in custody pending a trial before a military court for crimes against the State.

The arson attacks began last July when a police post in Mas'ada village was set alight. The income tax office also was damaged by fire, and there were arson attacks on property belonging to pro-Israeli Druse residents.

Since then, there have been other incidents of arson attacks on the property of pro-Israeli Druse residents. According to some reports, pro-Syrian Druse, who form the vast majority of the residents, have recently strengthened a social and religious boycott on pro-Israeli Druse, effectively ostracizing them.

Some pro-Israeli Druse are reported to be considering leaving the Golan because of the recent incidents and the social and religious discrimination against them.

Flag-burning haredi boy released to house arrest

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The haredi boy photographed burning an Israeli flag at a Lag Ba'Omer bonfire last Saturday was released to house arrest for a week by a Jerusalem judge yesterday.

The 14-year-old, who was arrested after midnight Wednesday night, told police that he had burned the flag on his own, and was not provoked into it by photographers, as had been charged by members of the haredi community and by Jerusalem city councilman Haim Miller (Agudat Yisrael).

Judge Yoram Noam said the youth, who was accompanied to court by his father, must also be under adult supervision when he leaves the house - and then only to school - and must be available to police for further questioning if needed.

Miller said the youth is a member of Neturei Karta, an anti-Zionist haredi sect. "You have to remember they don't recognize the state, they don't take money from the state, they don't use any of the state's services."

"So you can't say that they're getting a budget and also burning the flag, as some reported it." Nevertheless, Miller said, "I condemn it in any event, even by

the Neturei Karta." Although the boy admitted doing it, Miller said that "he's innocent, and I continue to maintain that the whole thing was a provocation."

The charge of provocation was denied earlier in the week by one of the three photographers from Flash 90 who photographed the scene.

"It happens every year," said the photographer, who declined to give his name. "On Saturday night, they started the fire, about 100, 150 kids and teenagers, and they put some flags on it, maybe 10 to 15 flags. Then somebody came, an adult, and gave them more flags to burn."

The incident last Saturday night in the Mea She'arim neighborhood reignited anti-haredi feelings among the general public, coming two weeks after members of the community threw stones at police during the minute of silence on Remembrance Day.

Miller said earlier that he had made a deal with the police to allow the boy's teachers to punish him, although police said that no such deal had been struck.

"If the court had allowed the rabbis to deal with this, they would have done a better job, better than the courts," Miller said.

Jay Bushinsky, new 'Post' diplomatic correspondent

By Jerusalem Post Staff

After three decades as a foreign correspondent during which he covered three of Israel's wars, one foreign conflict and a major revolution, Jay Bushinsky is coming home to *The Jerusalem Post* as its new diplomatic correspondent.

The veteran reporter and broadcaster had his first taste of newspaper journalism at the *Post* in 1960 when he worked on its copy desk as a sub-editor. He later studied at Columbia University's prestigious Graduate School of Journalism, and to make his career in all of the news media's facets - print, radio and television.

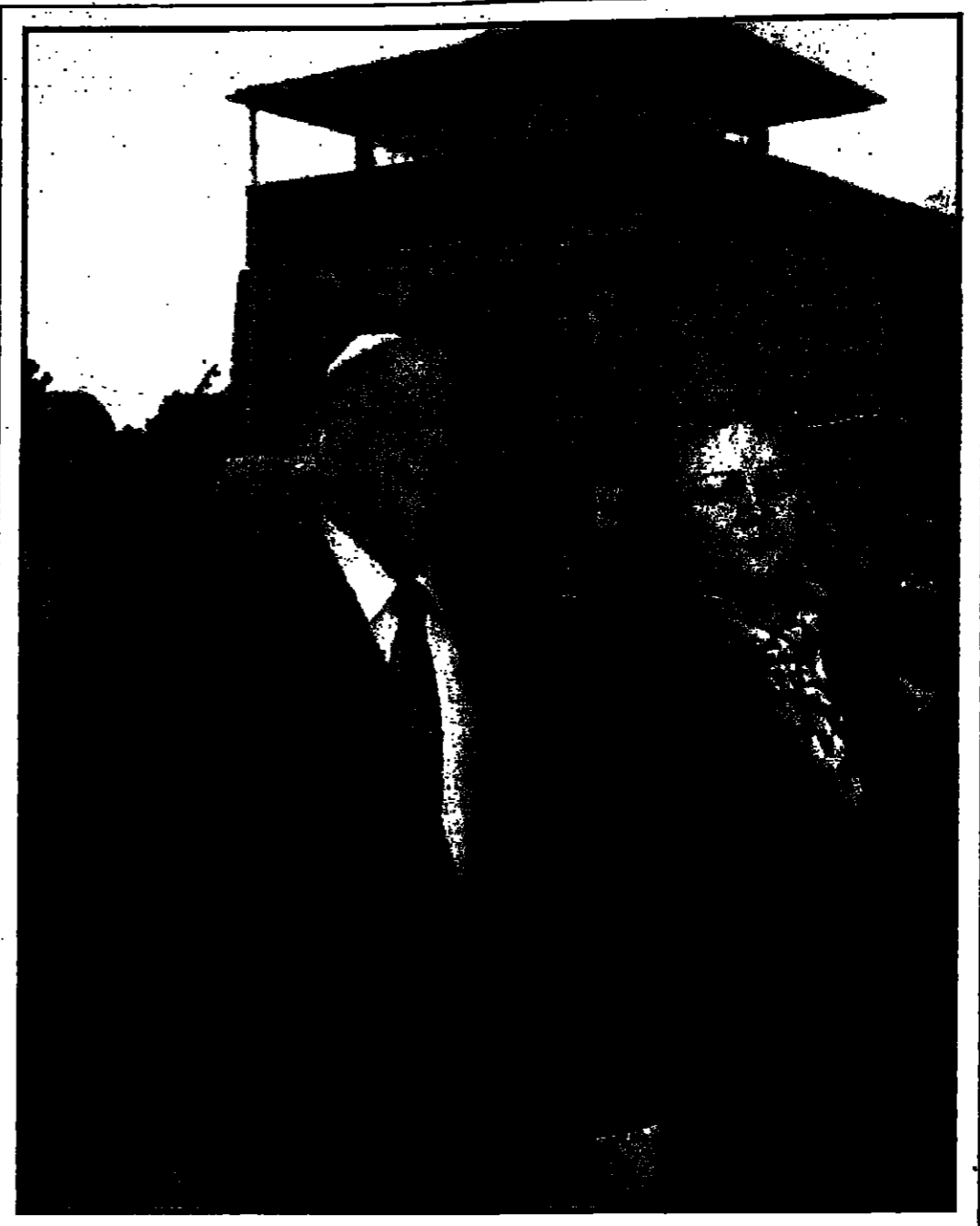
Bushinsky's major assignments as a foreign correspondent included the Six Day War, the Yom Kippur War, Cyprus War, 1974, Iranian Revolution, 1978-79, Lebanon War, and the Gulf war, in addition to developments in the political, economic and cultural domains in Israel, the Middle East and Europe.

He was born in Buffalo, NY, and graduated from Queens College and Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Education.

Among his professional awards are those of the Overseas Press Club, Chicago Newspaper Guild and Dartmouth University's Amos Tuck Award for Economic Understanding.



Jay Bushinsky (Top-Or)



Tichon visits Mauthausen. Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and his wife Ludmilla visit the Mauthausen concentration camp yesterday, during an official trip to Austria. (Romer)

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Jordanian caught smuggling weapon

A Jordanian was caught attempting to smuggle a pistol and magazine into Israel during a routine check at the border. Police detained him for questioning and announced they would send him back to Jordan as soon as they are done. *Itim*

Court postpones hearing on house demolition

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday postponed a hearing on the demolition of a house in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan that was halted on Wednesday. No reason was given for the postponement. The court will hear the case Sunday afternoon. The city began tearing down the 180 sq. meter house on Tuesday morning, after having received the necessary court approval. The owner of the house then brought a temporary halt order from the court pending the further hearing. *Ellie Wohlgelechner*

Mordechai challenged over service discrepancy

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was ordered yesterday by the High Court of Justice to show cause within 60 days why a reasonable quota should not be set for the number of yeshiva students receiving exemptions from military service. Justice Elisha Mazza responded to a petition from Meretz MKs Amnon Rubinstein and Haim Oron, who were joined by a group of reserve soldiers. *Batsheva Tsur*

Teenager arrested after stepmother stabbed

A 14-year-old from Usfiya on Mt. Carmel was arrested yesterday on suspicion of stabbing his stepmother. The woman, 39, was stabbed in the back and moderately injured on Wednesday night. Police said the teenager had confessed and that it appeared that the stabbing was a result of a family dispute. *David Rudge*

Organ donors' families to be honored

Certificates of appreciation will be awarded on Tuesday by President Ezer Weizman to families who donated their deceased loved ones' organs for transplant. The first-ever ceremony, to take place at Beit Hanassi, was initiated by Israel Transplant. Health Minister Yehoshua Mazza and hospital staffers will also attend. A representative of the Dabuskin family, which donated the organs of their daughter - who was killed in a road accident in Tel Aviv a few months ago - will speak on behalf of all the families. *Judy Siegel*

Unemployed woman wins NIS 7m. Lotto prize

A 30-year-old woman from the Tel Aviv area won the NIS 7 million top prize in this week's Lotto. The woman, who is single and unemployed, said the money would help her realize all her dreams: a wedding, a home and studies. "I have had a boyfriend for five years, and we have been putting off the wedding until we had means. Now we are heading straight to the rabbinate to register for our wedding," she said at the Mifal Hapayis office in Tel Aviv upon arriving to collect the prize. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Ben-Ari remand extended

Zvi Ben-Ari, the businessman suspected as being one of the heads of the so-called Russian mafia here, was remanded for a further seven days by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday. Ben-Ari is suspected of being involved in the murder of a Russian banker, conspiracy to kill another and an \$85 million fraud of banks in Russia. Police are concerned that Ben-Ari's colleagues may try to spring him from prison and he is heavily guarded. Police also expressed concern that Ben-Ari will try to disrupt the investigation and frighten possible witnesses. Three of Ben-Ari's employees were released on bail. *Raine Marcus*

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New proposal for conversion bill

MK Ravitz suggests listing religion only by initial on identity card

By LIAT COLLINS

MKs seeking a compromise which would solve the conversion bill dilemma are considering a new idea. Under a proposal by Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism), instead of writing the word "Jewish" in the relevant clause on identity cards, the religion of the holder would be listed by just the first letter. Ravitz said this would solve the problem of asking Interior Ministry officials to record as Jewish someone who has undergone a non-Orthodox conversion. He stressed, however that his first preference is to preserve the status quo in which the Chief Rabbinate recognizes only Orthodox conversions carried out in Israel or non-Orthodox conversions performed abroad. This is also the basis of the conversion bill. His idea complements the proposal by Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) under which converts would be listed as Jewish on their identity cards and the type of conversion

they underwent - Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, or Reconstructionist - would be recorded in the Population Registry. Shas leader Aryeh Deri reportedly supports this suggestion, but National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Porat objected to it. Porat said it would, in effect, separate state from religion. Dedi Zucker (Meretz) described Ravitz's suggestion as "incomprehensible at best and laughable at worst, and not the solution." He said it would be better to completely scrap the clause listing religion on identity cards. The Law Committee, chaired by Shaul Yahalom (NRP), is to discuss the continued passage of the conversion bill on Wednesday. Yahalom said he is open to finding a compromise, but the High Court has given the Knesset until June 30 to decide the issue of who is able to perform conversions in Israel and unless a solution can be found, or the judicial proceedings frozen, the law must be ready by then. Meanwhile, Ophir Pines (Labor) yesterday accused Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, the head of Yisrael Ba'aliya, of "making a deal" with the religious parties under which his faction would support the conversion bill in return for a plan to simplify the Orthodox conversion process here. He published details of an agreement among the Religious Affairs Ministry, Chief Rabbinate, Education Ministry, and Absorption Ministry to examine the possibility of establishing more conversion courses for new immigrants. Roman Bronfman, chairman of the Yisrael Ba'aliya Knesset faction, rejected Pines's claim, saying: "There is absolutely no linkage." He said his faction would only support the bill after all alternatives had been exhausted. Haim Shapiro adds: The government has not including local Conservative and Reform leaders in its efforts to reach such a compromise, representatives of the two movements said yesterday.

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Rabbi Pinhas Spectre, director of the Masorti (Conservative) movement in Israel, said that thus far he has heard of no concrete proposal, nor has he been asked to attend any meeting. Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said he is unsure why Israeli politicians are talking to the American Jews, when the issue under discussion is conversion here. "Perhaps they do not want to solve the issue of conversion in Israel but merely want to solve the problem of pressure from American Jewry, or perhaps they realize that this is an issue concerning world Jewry," Regev said. Until now, Regev said, he had heard no proposal which the Orthodox establishment or Chief Rabbinate would be willing to accept. Spectre said that he is sure that within the Orthodox establishment, there are people who are very concerned about world Jewry, but that his movement is determined not to give in until a genuinely acceptable solution is found.

Druse poet honored for furthering cultural understanding

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

"If peace were in the hands of the poets, the Middle East would have been a very peaceful region for the past 40 years. Hebrew- and Arabic-language poets work very closely together," award-winning poet Nazia Hir said yesterday. Hir was speaking after being accorded the president's prize for Arabic literature translated into Hebrew, at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi. Hir, a resident of the Druse village of Daliat al-Carmel who served in an elite IDF unit and later graduated from Haifa University, received the award for his efforts in furthering understanding between the two cultures. He said he writes in both Arabic and Hebrew. Other prizes from the Amos Fund - which is headed by President Ezer Weizman and encourages creativity in the literary field - went posthumously to Jerusalem-born writer David Shahar who died last month, to author Amalia Kahana-Carmon for her contribution to Hebrew literature, and to Hebrew-language poet Moshe Sartal. Reuma Weizman, the president's wife, called on Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to reinstate a special reading program in the schools for underprivileged children. We have to take care not only of the writers but of the readers, she said.



President Ezer Weizman (right) awards the President's Prize for Literature to Druse poet Nazia Hir at Beit Hanassi yesterday. (Photo Noy)

Meridor-Likud split over abolition of TV license fee

By DAVID HARRIS and LIAT COLLINS

Finance Minister Dan Meridor said yesterday he will oppose any attempt to abolish the television license fee. MK Benny Elon (Moladet) has sponsored a bill, which would do so. Meridor maintains he is toeing the government line and Likud MKs backing the bill are ignoring it.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Meridor said in many attempts to legislate or create policy, the cabinet will come into conflict with "the welcome intellectual independence of MKs." The bill to abolish the fee passed its first hurdle when the Knesset Finance Committee paved the way for it to go to its first reading. The vote was strictly along party lines, with 9 of the 10 coalition representatives in favor and the 7 opposition

members voting against. Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) abstained. "There is an interest or even a value which must be kept," said Meridor. "And that is the law of freedom of the media, and particularly of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, because it has recently done a very important job in Israel's public life." Meridor is against the IBA being entirely dependent on a direct grant from government, which he claims would tie the broadcasters' hands. Coalition and Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan rejected the basis for Meridor's plea not to cancel the TV license fee. "From now on, if Meridor tries to reason for any kind of cost-effective or efficiency measures [elsewhere], he will get a clear response," he said. "If he covers up for the place which wastes the most money in the economy, where hundreds of millions [of shekels] go down the drain, just because he wants to be popular in the media, he will be a media star but he won't be able to ask us for cuts elsewhere."

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Rebecca Crown - *Coriolanus*, at 11 a.m.

Foyer - jazz, Flutalk, tomorrow, 11:45 p.m. Free.

Plaza - Jerusalem Saxophones, 9 p.m. Free.

Gerard Behar - Second Hand Dance, tomorrow at 9 p.m.

Targ, Ein Kerem - Anniversary program A, tomorrow at 11 a.m.

YMCA - fortepiano, Bilson/Levin B, tomorrow at 11 a.m.

St. Andrews Church - fortepiano, Bilson/Levin A, 1 p.m.

Dormition Abbey - Melanchthon choir, tomorrow at 9 p.m.

Hangar, Talpilot - Zik, Enerzik, tomorrow at 9 p.m.

Caesarea - Kirov, Swan Lake, tomorrow at 9 p.m.

Light art

By HELEN KAYE

This year the Israel Electric Corporation has provided more than cables and power to the Israel Festival. It has raided the company rubbish dumps to create art.

Up on the wall of the Jerusalem theater there is a brass and aluminum chessboard with chessmen made of glass and ceramic high tension insulators. The opposite wall boasts a swell of those big orange plastic balls they thread on high-tension wires to warn low-flying aircraft. Right next to that, there are two of the biggest light bulbs you ever saw, made of lacquered plywood layers bonded together, and turned with the aid, according to the plaque, of a special lathe that is used for power station turbines.

Around the corner, half a dozen brightly painted miniature pylons get pally and, back on the plaza, is a great old climbing frame made of old telegraph poles bolted together with iron. On it, rusty iron human cutouts, carved by company lasers, shiny up ropes.

IEC general manager Rafi Peled, a noted artist in his own right, made the designs and 50 of the employees put them together, working on their own time.

There's always an art exhibition on the plaza, and the IEC always provides the extra power the festival needs for the nightly free entertainment. Last year, after the usual Israel Festival/IEC meeting, festival management said, "Why don't you do the exhibition next year?" And Peled picked up the glove.

"This is the first time that an exhibition fits this space," one approving kibitzer said at last night's opening bash on the plaza, also courtesy of the IEC. "It's fun, full of humor. Just what Jerusalem needs right now."



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- 2:00 p.m. Corrierstone laying ceremony for the
- Henry & Marilyn Taub and Family Computer Science Building
- At the site (near the S. Neaman Institute)
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- Muriel and David Jacknow Awards for Excellence in Teaching
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 - Henry Taub Prizes for Excellence in Research
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- Tour of Microelectronics Laboratory and Solid State Institute
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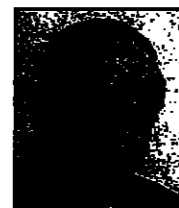
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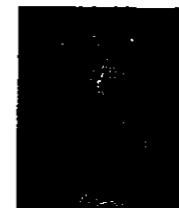


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Netanyahu's next year

One year after the election of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, the nation is divided between those who have not given up their hopes and those who never had any for the new government. When asked to list his accomplishments in the past year, Netanyahu enthusiastically ticks off three: "stopping the gallop toward the 1967 borders, preventing the division of Jerusalem, and ending the acceptance of terror as part of the peace process."

The campaign is over, however, and it is past the time for Netanyahu to be defining his own success by what he may have prevented rather than by where he is leading the nation.

It is certainly not unusual for new governments to move painfully forward by trial and error. Practically every modern American president who took over from the other party — including Carter, Reagan, and Clinton — went through a period of adjusting their own expectations.

In Netanyahu's case the adjustment has been unusually severe. He was Israel's youngest and first directly elected prime minister. He was to be the first prime minister who could rule like a president, relatively assured of a four-year term. The days of being constantly beholden to unruly ministers and threats which could bring down the government were supposed to be over.

Instead, the system of constant bargaining between coalition partners to hold the government together has continued unabated. The prime minister himself is not so easily toppled, but the number and strength of the smaller parties has grown at the expense of both Labor and Likud.

The result has been that almost every decision, from core decisions in the peace process, to the forming of a budget, to the appointment of ambassadors, has been deeply enmeshed in coalition politics.

But this adjustment has been minor compared to that imposed by the peace process. Netanyahu inherited from the previous government diplomatic realities that were radically different from those facing previous Likud leaders.

It was as if the Likud suddenly found itself piloting a small plane which it had never flown before, and careening in a direction it did not want to go. Worse, the co-pilot was Yasser Arafat, whom Netanyahu had to figure out how to work with, even as both were struggling to take hold of the controls.

In this context, Netanyahu may be proud of pulling Israel out of one nose dive, but many Israelis are worried that he is plunging the country into another. Under the previous government, there was more terrorism, and much fear that Israel was making concessions that would make any peace unstable. Netanyahu has exchanged this fear of peace for the fear of war, and of deepening international isolation.

In actuality, the difference between the two governments, and therefore the fears associated with each, are exaggerated. No Israeli government wants to return to the '67 lines, divide Jerusalem, or tolerate terrorism — or for the peace process to collapse.

The question is what sort of government is more capable of delivering the secure peace that all Israelis want. The Labor government strategy was to treat the Palestinians like a hungry baby — just keep feeding it small bites, because if you stop or demand too much it will start crying.

The advantage of this strategy is that it convinced the world that Israel was committed to peace. The disadvantage was the risk that by the time Israel realized that it had to say no, the baby would be spoiled and the tantrum that much worse.

The argument for Netanyahu's approach was that Labor had built up expectations that were bound to create a crisis if not met, and it would be even worse for Israel if they were met. Better to lower those expectations now, even if the price Israel pays is high.

The problem with this approach is that it is not clear that the Netanyahu government is more able to enforce its will on the peace process than Labor was. The diplomatically costly negotiations over Hebron yielded an agreement almost indistinguishable from the original. There is less terror, but security cooperation has deteriorated, and the record shows that Netanyahu accelerated, rather than broke off talks following the violence last September.

Finally, the much ballyhooed concept of reciprocity has yet to be enforced. Despite all this, Netanyahu retains a fundamental structural advantage in achieving the goal of a secure peace without splitting the nation in two in the process.

A government of the Right, as Menachem Begin showed with the Camp David Accords and Netanyahu showed with the Hebron agreement, is more able to deliver large parliamentary majorities for peace agreements. But even this advantage Netanyahu is frittering away.

Though the bipartisan effort by Labor MK Yossi Beilin and Likud MK Michael Eitan set an example, Netanyahu has made no systematic effort to build a consensus on Israel's approach to final status within his own government, let alone with the opposition.

The lack of such an effort is somewhat mysterious, given that Netanyahu himself has spoken about the potential for such a consensus, and declared it to be among his highest goals. What is less mysterious is why such a consensus has not yet arisen. For the past year, Netanyahu has continued to accuse his now powerless opponents of conceding everything Israelis hold dear.

What Netanyahu does not seem to understand is that he cannot continue to disparage his opponents' desire for security while expecting that they will credit his desire for peace. Netanyahu's divisive rhetoric is blocking the consensus that he correctly identifies as critical to bringing Palestinian expectations down to earth.

Netanyahu's objective for the year ahead should be to focus on what unites Israelis rather than upon what divides them, and to build around this core consensus a positive vision for the peace process.

OPINION



Why blame Netanyahu?

The professors who signed a petition this week to the effect that they didn't want Binyamin Netanyahu at a Hebrew University convocation ceremony just don't understand political reality.

They are part of a campaign our leftist intellectuals have mounted against the prime minister. With the arrogance of eggheads, of those who perch on the pinnacle of the ivory tower, the academics asserted that a premier who implements a policy not to their liking is unfit to be admitted to their presence.

Our media, too, judge the prime minister's performance by the yardstick of their own expectations, and find it wanting. But Netanyahu did not become prime minister on the Labor Party's manifesto, which is what most of the newspapers stood behind. He was elected by the national camp, and his policy was naturally expected to reflect the national camp's aspirations, and not those of Shimon Peres.

Yesterday the media accused Netanyahu of "stinginess," when he reportedly proposed handing over "only" 40 percent of the territories to the Palestinian Authority. But Likud voters, who — unlike the media — put Netanyahu into

YOSEF LAPID

power, see his proposal as excessively magnanimous, bordering on throwing the state's vital interests overboard.

The right-wing public, aware of Netanyahu's malfunctioning in other areas unconnected with the Palestinians, is probably fully aware of this government's shortcomings. Let's face it, one would have to be

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stupid as well as right-wing — and the two don't necessarily go together — to ignore the long list of failures that can be laid at Netanyahu's door.

BUT when it comes down to it, Netanyahu stands or falls on a single issue, and here he has achieved his objective.

He has halted the withdrawal from the territories without formally breaching the Oslo accords. He has frozen the peace process, which to him and his voters reads like a recipe for national disaster.

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For Ehud Barak, it's do or die

The four contenders for the Labor party leadership represent the essence of the Zionist-Israeli-secular ethos. It is this mind-set, for better or worse, that has created most of what passes for this country's character.

Barak, Beilin, Sneh, Ben-Ami — all are vastly eager to do away with our present government. But I'm not sure if they know to what end.

Of the four, Ehud Barak appears to be the only contender who can head the active opposition we so sorely need, the only one with any chance of defeating the government in the next elections.

But replacing the Netanyahu government doesn't imply a mere change of regime; it will, in effect, be the last chance to save the country from a nationalist, fundamentalist disaster.

To win in 2000, Barak needs to understand the real import of what he is undertaking. He needs to understand that he's arrived at the point of do or die; it's either change your attitude, or go out and find yourself a new nation.

Peres's grave mistake lay in underestimating Netanyahu's unbreakable electoral strength, in attempting to find supporters among those who had rejected Labor before, and would reject it again.

Today, even those who are upset by the economic slowdown would sooner think of abandoning Betar Jerusalem than turn their backs on Bibi. That's how it is.

However, judging by the cowardly attempts of Barak and the

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other three to wriggle out of taking a stand on the conversion bill, they are still stuck in the past, vainly dreaming of support where none is to be had.

Instead of trying to alter the political map, therefore, Barak must look at the map in a different way.

And that means taking real notice of the hundreds of thou-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EMBARRASSED

Sir, — In his letter of May 7, Nechemia Meyers despairs that no action is taken against those who paste posters indiscriminately in Rehovot, even when it is patently clear, as in the case of the Habad Messianic posters, which organization is responsible for the violation.

For your information, these posters cause us much aggravation and embarrassment. They degrade the memory of our beloved leader. We agree that the people responsible for putting them up should be prosecuted. As far as we know, the poster campaign is the work of one person who is not employed by us and has no position of authority in our community. We have no control over him. He refuses to listen to the Habad rabbis and the leaders of the Rehovot Habad community.

EREZ KRELENSTEIN,
Administrative Director,
Habad Rehovot

Rehovot.

POLITICAL SPORTSMANSHIP

Sir, — When hearing the civilized tones in which Britain's leaders acknowledged, the morning after, the results of the general election, I am sure that I was not alone in wishing, with a pang in my heart, that things could be conducted in like spirit in our part of the world.

Here it would seem that bitterness and animosity are allowed to a great degree to impinge on and erode the workings of the body politic. In contrast, the sobriety and moderation with which Tony Blair pledged to bury the hatchet of ancient ideological disagreements and with which John Major pledged to give support or to oppose "vigorously" as the case may be, went beyond mere political sportsmanship, showing rather a mature realization that beyond a personal considerations, winner and loser alike were united in jointly serving their nation.

CELJA ULANOVSKY
Ginot Suomron.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHRISTIANS

Sir, — When Moslem Arabs held up placards which said, "Today we're attacking the Saturday people but tomorrow we will attack the Sunday people," no one in the United States or the Western world took notice. Unfortunately, the attacks on the Sunday people, the Christians,

and on their holy sites, are on the increase. Now the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, a venerable shrine and holy place to all denominations of Christians, has been desecrated by the despicable act of building toilets above the church.

How can Christians overlook

THE NEXT MISTAKE

Sir, — Binyamin Netanyahu in his great swing to political fame fielded his first major political blunder (the famous tape) by confessing to a mistake. Since those days, he has gone from mistake to mistake.

If he were the managing director of a financial concern or an industrial complex, no board of directors would tolerate such a performance level for a single moment. How much more dangerous it is for our national interests that he is responsible for the State of Israel.

I am terribly afraid of what his next mistake will cost us all. True, he was voted in by a clear majority. However, we cannot afford such a leader — one who is no role model for morality and decency in public affairs and one who blithely shrugs off his responsibility by saying, "So I made a mistake! So what? I'll do better next time."

And that's what I'm afraid of — the next time.

S. LANDER
Ramat Hasharon.

the campaign that is in full swing against their holy places in Jerusalem and against their religion? Christians in the US have to be more effective in their lobbying effort with Congressmen and Senators.

TOBY WILLIG
Jerusalem.

EVENTS AT YITZHAR

Sir, — For a man to hide behind a woman's skirts has always been considered a contemptible act. How much more reprehensible, then, is it to hide behind little children in a deliberately fomented confrontation with police and army during the dismantling of the ille-

gal buildings at Yitzhar. To play the "persecuted innocent" and to claim that they did not expect "violent treatment" by the security forces is major-league hutzpa. It seems to be a cynical ploy to garner sympathy as well as to ensure that the unfortunate young victims acquire a

good dose of fear and distrust of the legitimate security arm of the Israeli government. I was alarmed to see too close a parallel with those right-wing groups in Texas and Montana back in the US.

TREVOR DAVIS
Aseret.

dichotomy between what Netanyahu says and what he does, but his deeds are what counts, and they speak for themselves.

Meanwhile, Israel is missing a historic, perhaps unique, opportunity for a settlement with the Palestinians, the Arabs and the Moslem world.

The chapter of our history now being written will be remembered as The Missed Opportunity. But the pundits are wrong to blame Netanyahu. He is merely carrying out the voters' verdict.

Much as some might wish it, the democratic system is not a system of Platonic rule by philosopher kings. It is rule by the majority.

The Left, deriving sadomasochistic pleasure from their own troubles and from their flogging of Netanyahu, ought to ask themselves this: How did it come about that nationalism and messianism were able to defeat sanity and moderation in free elections?

What we see happening now is what a small majority of Israelis and a large majority of Jews decided on a year ago.

So what do you want from Netanyahu?

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but telling them the truth, without

fills. Courage, Barak should remember, isn't just the attribute he brought with him from the army, but the quality demonstrated by someone like Ayala Hasson.

This brave woman stood up to it all — the government, the media, the entire establishment — determined and totally on her own. Had it not been for a benign attorney-general, she could have toppled a government.

This is the quality Barak needs: the ability to stand up and fight alone.

When Israel was created, the Right declared a mutiny, accusing Ben-Gurion of "selling Jerusalem." (Tel Aviv was already in their hands.)

Only the "holy cannon" — the one fired at the *Albatena*, on B-G's orders, that ended the mutiny — saved the country. Ben-Gurion's is the sort of spunk I'm talking about.

Ehud Barak, IDF hero and pianist, is widely perceived as being the embodiment of the "beautiful Israeli," as opposed to the ugly one. And he is.

Once he has gained the party leadership, this popular perception can serve Barak well in a grim period, as he leads his own "holy cannon" and starts to take aim at the ugliness around him.

The writer's latest book, *Another Love Story*, was published recently; his *Land of Two Promises*, written jointly with Arab novelist Emil Habib, is currently being translated into several languages.

THE MAYOR of Fishkill rejected a request of an animal rights group to change his town's name. "We are not going to change the name," Mayor George Carter wrote to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. "It's been here all these years."

The group had wanted to rename the village of 1930 to Fishsave.

The name Fishkill, which means fish creek or stream, originated with the Dutch, who settled the area in the 1600s.

"Residents and businesses feel the same way I do," he said. "They figure this is totally ridiculous."

PETA knew of Fishkill's historic meaning but not everyone does, said the organization's Davey Shepherd (whose name suggests arrogant manipulation of sheep movement and should thus be changed). "People in California, for instance, have no idea what it means. It might as well be dead fish to them."

JUST FOR fun, two French lovers wandered into a Las Vegas chapel and tied the knot. Nearly four years later, they got the shock of their young lives: the marriage was real.

Yann Thomas and Celine Jeanroy, two university students from Longwy, went through the motions of getting married on vacation purely for laughs.

Giggles turned to gasps, though, a few months ago. French officials contacted them and told them they were breaking the law because their marriage wasn't registered in France.

What marriage? The pair asked. The one you consummated in that little chapel in Las Vegas, the officials said.

But like the best love stories, this one has a happy ending: The couple received French documentation and plans a real wedding — on their fifth anniversary.

WHO WAS Josef Stalin? An iron-fisted Soviet leader and one of history's most sinister figures — or a pop star?

In a recent poll of Ukrainian schoolchildren, only half identified Stalin as the man who led the Soviet Union for three decades, pollsters say.

Ukrainian children — like those across the 15 former Soviet states — were once taught to chant: "Thank you, Stalin, for our happy childhood." His stern, mustachioed face stared down from above virtually every blackboard.

Ukraine's reformist party Rukh — the leading force in the push for independence from the Soviet Union — conducted a poll of 200 schoolchildren aged nine to 14.

About half answered correctly. Thirty-one said he was an executioner (which is not actually incorrect); 13 said they'd never heard of him. Dozens responded with other professions.

And 11 said he was a pop star.

POSTSCRIPTS

ISIDRO CATARLA turned up at his own wake — and probably regrets that he did.

Reported by his parents and wife to be missing, Catarla, 30, of Manila, was surprised on coming home to see his family and neighbors mourning beside a coffin containing what they thought was his corpse.

His picture rested on top of the casket.

His neighbors, more startled than he, fled on seeing Catarla walk into his house.

A policeman said the confusion arose when Catarla's family claimed from a funeral parlor the corpse of a drowned man, thinking it was Catarla.

The dead man's facial features strikingly resembled those of Catarla.

Catarla went berserk on seeing his picture on top of the coffin.

But his troubles are not over. Now, police say, his neighbors are demanding that his family return the money they donated for his funeral.

הקדמה מן האסל

Terror and torture

If there was torture by the French army in the battle of Algiers it was because 1. Jacques Massu, ordered it.

In 1972, the French commander in that battle presented readers of his memoirs with his choices in 1956. He published pictures of the victims of the bombs that the terrorists were placing in marketplaces and buses. Would the reader have borne responsibility for letting this slaughter of innocents continue?

The army, he wrote, planned to stop terrorism once and for all by destroying the network of the National Liberation Front (FLN). The army did not attempt to fix responsibility for this or that act of the FLN, it simply attacked the whole organization.

Knowing that the FLN was organized in small hierarchical cells, Massu's paratroopers would immediately extract two items of information from anyone arrested for involvement with the FLN, information the prisoners surely had: To whom do you report, and who reports to you? To get it before targets of further arrests might be warned, the paras used whatever physical pressure was needed.

Gen. Massu published grisly pictures of tortured men, and justified his choice to prevent one kind of violence by working another kind.

Not the least part of his self-justification was that his plan worked. After a few months, there was no more FLN in Algiers. Its members were dead, in jail, or abroad.

Would it be possible for any Israeli official to defend the use of "physical pressure" on suspected terrorists on grounds similar to Massu's?

No. The only similarity between the two sets of circumstances is that torture is intrinsically a great evil, but that by torturing the guilty, one may save the innocent.

The big differences teach us a lot about the ethical and practical aspects of fighting terrorists.

First, whereas the French used torture as a temporary measure reasonably calculated to help terminate the circumstances in which both the innocent and the guilty were suffering, the Israeli security services seem to be using it as an ordinary measure to defend the country as long as it is

ANGELO CODEVILLA

threatened - as a means of fighting, rather than as part of a plan to end the war.

Machiavelli teaches that sometimes a dose of cruelty judiciously applied avoids far greater ones.

"Well used can be called those [cruelties] that... are done all at once... and thereafter are not repeated, but converted in the greatest possible utility for the subjects. Badly used are those which, though they be few at the outset, rather grow with time than flicker out."

"Those who observe the first way may have some remedy for their state with God and man... Those who do otherwise, either out of timidity or bad counsel, are always forced to keep knife in hand..."

Working one kind of violence to prevent another - can it be justified?

The point is that nothing can make torture into anything but an evil. Yet, if by employing this evil one has a reasonable chance of ending other, bigger ones, at least one has an argument.

Machiavelli and Jacques Massu, neither a tender heart, would disapprove on practical as well as ethical grounds of a policy that accepted both inflicting torture and suffering terrorism indefinitely.

Second, the nature of terrorism is such that the least efficient way of fighting it is to defend against individual acts and to pursue individual perpetrators, while the most effective way is to take the offensive against the organizations that run it.

THE Israeli security services are interested in thwarting specific future plans, or identifying responsibility for specific past acts.

But while most of the men whom the security services interrogate with "physical pressure" are probably associated with some terrorist organization, only by rare chance would any know the answers to questions dealing with specific acts.

And even when they give them, such answers can only be the

basis for winning little battles of no strategic significance. The terrorist organizations can afford to lose a few soldiers.

By contrast, if one is determined not to cope with a terrorist organization but to defeat it, one does not necessarily need even the kind of intelligence that Massu wrung from his prisoners.

Especially nowadays, the leaders of terrorist organizations have names and addresses. Often, they have titles and international subsidies.

Nor is it intellectually difficult to fix guilt for the incitement and organization of violence against innocents. The intellectual task begins to get difficult only as one moves down the organization charts of groups like the PLO, Hamas, or Islamic Jihad. And since when does one hold soldiers more morally responsible than their commanders?

Alas, although fighting terrorism by killing it physically from the top down makes the most sense intellectually and morally, while being easiest practically, it is also more difficult politically.

Both the defensive and the offensive approaches to terrorism have costs.

The cost of offense against the leadership includes giving up hope of a negotiated settlement, as well as disapproval from and possibly conflict with the terrorist leaders' international sympathizers.

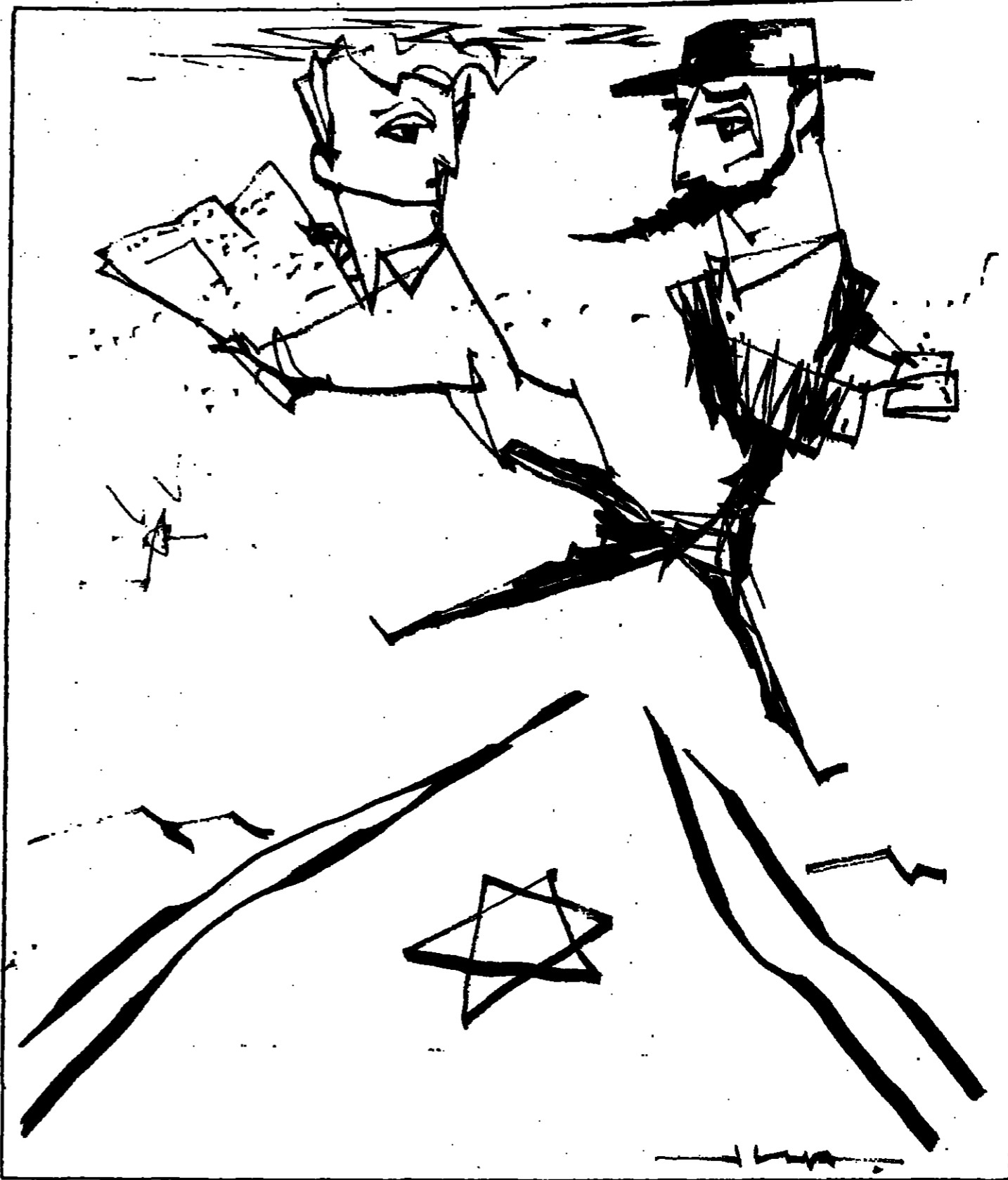
The cost of offense against an entire terrorist organization includes the kind of concerted use of torture employed by Massu. In exchange, offense offers the hope of victory.

By contrast, the costs of a defensive posture include empowering the security forces to sift, endlessly and violently, through the haystack of civil society in search of a few elusive needles.

Countries that merely defend against terrorism are condemned to balance loss of blood against loss of civil liberties, the growth of innocent casualties against the growth of the loathsome habit of "physical pressure" against those presumed guilty.

In exchange, they get to hope that terrorism will decide to go away.

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Retreat from nationalism

JONATHAN BLASS

Is flag-burning in Mea She'arim a dangerous social phenomenon that could spread within haredi circles, or is it a vile expression of anti-Zionist sentiment by a marginal group?

The public debate over this question serves to mask the real problem liberal society is having with Jewish nationalism. One is forced, in fact, to wonder whether a haredi "bogey-man" hasn't been constructed to deflect doubts about nationalism shared by modern and haredi thinkers.

Nationalism is currently suffering from a bad reputation - and often with good reason.

When we think of nationalists, the images that are likely to come to mind are France's Jean-Marie Le Pen, or Serb and Bosnian fighters, people who define their identity in terms of hatred for the other side.

At the time of the Balfour Declaration, with the collapse of the czar and the Austro-Hungarian empire, the idea of national self-determination of peoples whose national identity had been suppressed became popular.

But 80 years later, the emphasis has shifted from the nation to the individual and self-fulfillment. Even John Kennedy's call: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country," seems anachronistic.

Isn't it the country's purpose, after all, to provide for the security and social needs of the individual?

Here in Israel, the difficulties presented by the retreat from nationalism are particularly acute - and not because of what happened in Mea She'arim last week. Motivation among secular Jews to serve in the IDF has dropped.

though the external military threat has not diminished.

Today's secular Israeli society is often condemned as materialistic, and its youth labeled hedonistic. But this is a facile and insufficient explanation of the phenomenon.

In Israel, as in the Western world in general, nationalism is perceived as divisive and parochial. More than 30 years ago, George

Nationalism was often a prelude to xenophobia and antisemitism.

Moreover, the Jewish mind has always associated nationalism with idolatry. This is because all nationalism, by definition, demands the individual's willingness to sacrifice his life for the national good.

Justifying that sacrifice is the assertion that the nation represents

nationalistic ideal, is frightening in its potential for idolatry; materialism, on the other hand, is safe. It makes no pretense of being what it is not. Cynicism is a proven alternative to idolatry.

So having celebrated Jewish nationalism on Independence Day, and preparing to do so again on Jerusalem Day next week, we should be asking ourselves why we are celebrating, why we attach moral significance to nationhood.

Because even when the question remains unarticulated, it surreptitiously shakes the foundations of our national existence.

That it does so is testimony to Israel's Jewishness, to an ingrained unwillingness within all sections of our variegated society to become a nation like all others.

The pursuit of "normalcy" that inspired early Zionist thinking has given way to a skepticism that masks an insistence on something deeper.

Nations are the historical expression of contemporary "gods," of transcendent ideals that demand obedience.

While it is clear that a renewed commitment to our own Jewish nationalism depends on discovering how our God differs from others, how the ideal that gives our nation life is distinguishable from the ideals of other nations, the challenge we face is how to go about it, where to begin.

Yes, it is a formidable intellectual and existential task, but it cannot be avoided.

The writer, rabbi of Neveh Tzaf in Samaria, heads Ramon Yehuda, a rabbinical training program in Pesh Tikva for graduates of hesder yeshivot.

Belief in an overriding ideal is frightening in its potential for idolatry

Steiner labeled it "the poison of our age" that almost led to the total destruction of Europe, that allowed men to avoid addressing their identity as human beings.

Even worse, nations are seen to act in instinctive pursuit of their interests, trampling, if necessary, whatever stands in their way.

According to this view, the human potential for moral behavior resides not in the national collective but in the individual, who, if moral, is guided by his sense of right and wrong. The good individual, in other words, is an end in himself.

The nation, in contrast, is seen from a moral vantage point not as an end but as a necessary means - to supply services, and deter or repel outside aggression.

There are particularly Jewish reasons to be suspicious of nationalism.

Jews in exile knew that when their Gentile hosts began unfurling banners and beating drums, danger wasn't far away.

an eternal, enduring truth, that it embodies a transcendent ideal, dwarfing the significance of the individual's temporal existence.

And the individual? He finds meaning through his willingness to give up his life for the nation, submerging his identity within the national ideal.

But the transcendent ideals that lie at the heart of every nationalism - liberty, for example - are themselves limited; and attributing overriding value to limited ideals is, on an abstract level, the definition of idolatry.

The claim of nations that the ideals they express are worth dying for thus runs counter to an iconoclasm fundamental to the Jewish character, one shared by religious and secular Jews alike.

The materialism and anti-nationalism that plague secular Israel today are less a surrender to base, animal nature than a flight from embracing limited ideals as more than what they are. Belief in anything, especially a

The only way out of municipal chaos

DAVID NEWMAN

Local government is in deep crisis. During the past week, the municipal system has been brought to a virtual standstill.

Roads are not being cleaned; children are not going to school or kindergarten; and many other basic services are not being provided, causing a great deal of inconvenience to us, the taxpayers.

The most exasperating aspect of the strike has been the daily ritual of listening to the morning news to find out whether our children will be going to school, or whether we will have to find a last-minute solution to the problem of keeping them at home.

In many cases, parents have had no option but to lose a day's pay and stay at home with their children.

At one level, the problem is money. The local authorities argue that they are unable to provide basic services because they are unable to cover the costs.

Most local authorities depend on the central government for a substantial part of their budget. Local taxes (arvona) cover anywhere between 50 to 70 percent of their overall budget (in some poorer development towns it may even be less), while the rest comes from the central government. Some of these fiscal transfers are for specific purposes, such as education and welfare, while a smaller amount is earmarked for other general purposes, though in reality, this often goes toward balancing the annual budget.

The municipalities argue that the level of fiscal transfer from the Interior Ministry is insufficient to meet demands for services. And the influx of a large number of immigrants has only made the problem more difficult.

The immigrants are often exempt from paying full municipal taxes during their first few years in the country. Others remain unemployed or are elderly, thus placing an extra burden on the welfare services.

The extra costs are supposed to be covered by the Absorption Ministry. However, the heads of the local authorities argue that promises of compensation have not been met.

During the past 15 years, a number of committees have been set up to solve the problem of local government finance. But the various recommendations have never held out more than short-term

solutions.

Even where the recommendations have been implemented - by no means the case in every instance - local authorities have usually returned to their debt-ridden state within a few years. This, in turn, has given rise to a new wave of strikes and demonstrations.

What this suggests is that the problem isn't one that can be solved by some form of simple budget manipulation. It is more deep-rooted, requiring a completely different type of treatment.

OUR local government system was set up during the 1950s according to the needs of the set-

A complete overhaul of local government. No more, no less

tlement framework of the time. But while local government has remained unchanged over the past 40 years, the country's settlement network has undergone major structural changes, particularly during the past 10 to 15 years.

Where there was once a clear dichotomy between towns at one end of the spectrum and kibbutzim and moshavim at the other, this is no longer the case.

The towns have grown into large metropolitan complexes, and the rural landscape has become heavily urbanized, with former agricultural communities losing their unique characteristics.

An increasing number of people live in bedroom communities from which they commute to work in the towns and cities. The population, as a whole, has become more affluent, and is demanding a wider range of services.

Many new local authorities have sprung up to cater to the new communities, but many of them are too small to raise the necessary funds for adequate services. The central government is becoming less willing to continue to transfer large sums to these authorities; yet the greater the number of these new small municipalities, the greater the debt, and the more central government will find itself forced to come to their rescue.

Setting up yet another committee to come up with a stopgap solution to the immediate problem of debt is clearly insufficient. What we need is a complete overhaul of the local government system.

This requires redrawing municipal boundaries in such a way as to decrease the total number of separate authorities, and increasing the threshold size of each one. It requires a recognition that the country's settlement landscape has become so diverse that there is no longer any point in maintaining separate systems of local government for urban and rural communities. In short: local government reform.

It's been attempted before. In the early 1980s, the Zanbar Commission recommended redrawing and amalgamating some local government units, even creating of new forms of local authority.

Most of these recommendations were never implemented because of strong opposition by local authority heads, many of whom were fearful of losing their power.

At present, the Shabar Commission is engaged in drawing up a series of proposals aimed at forcing many of the smaller municipal authorities to amalgamate. But even before its recommendations have been published, cries of opposition can be heard emanating from those authorities which would be affected.

Yet it is these same municipal officials who argue that they are unable to cover the costs of providing services within their communities.

They cannot continue to have the best of both worlds. Without absolving the Interior Ministry of its obligations to local authorities, central government cannot be a bottomless source of funding.

Local government heads must therefore take some hard decisions. They must either cut back on some of their services, or accept the necessity of streamlining the current system.

If we are to avoid the total collapse of the system of local government, these decisions must be taken now. The alternative is complete municipal chaos.

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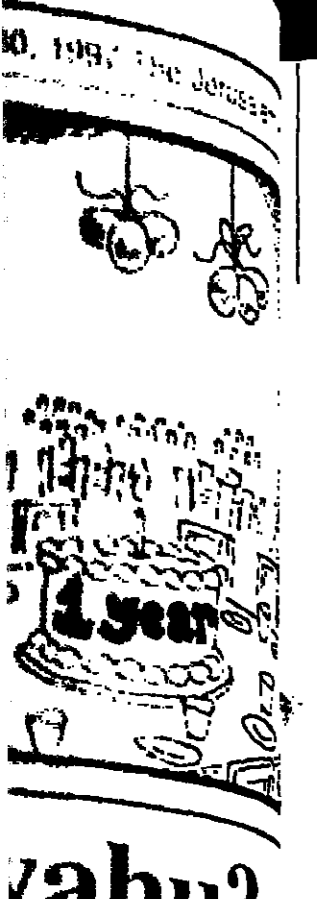
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Foreigners flee Sierra Leone

FREETOWN — Evacuation of foreigners from Sierra Leone gathered pace yesterday while the new military authorities struggled to consolidate their control.

British and other European nationals gathered at a beachside hotel to take helicopters across the wide river estuary to Lungi airport, from where a chartered Boeing 747 was due to leave for Paris and London in the afternoon.

US Marines and helicopters from the US Navy ship Kearsarge landed to evacuate Americans.

Sierra Leonean soldiers have seized foreign-owned diamond mines in the eastern town of Koidu following the coup, police and community leaders in the town said yesterday. Heavily-armed soldiers drove from Freetown and opened fire to scare away owners of the mines and other businesses.

Canadian, British and Belgian mine operators are among hundreds of foreigners who have taken refuge at beachside hotels in Freetown hoping for evacuation flights.

The evacuation from the few overcrowded hotels in the steamy, seaside capital has taken on added urgency because of moves by Nigeria to reverse the military coup, which has been condemned internationally.

A helicopter chartered by Belgian carrier Sabena flew 130 people to Conakry, capital of neighbouring Guinea. A Boeing 707 plane sent by Lebanon evacuated 178 Lebanese, most of them women and children. It also carried the bodies of two Lebanese men killed in the coup.

A UN-chartered boat carried 97 people to Conakry and was expected to make a second trip yesterday.

The new military authorities who seized power on Sunday blamed harassment of civilians on former servicemen and escaped prisoners in army uniform and warned they would be arrested, apparently oblivious to the fact that the most prominent escaped prisoner was new head of state, Major Johnny Paul Koromah.

Koromah, 33, was among those freed from Freetown's Pademba Road prison at the start of the coup. He was detained over an earlier coup attempt against civilian president Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, who flew to Guinea on Sunday.

(Agencies)



Laurent Kabila is sworn in as head of state of the Democratic Republic of Congo yesterday.

Kabila sworn in as president

By MATTHEW TOSTEVIN

KINSHASA (Reuters) — President Laurent Kabila took office as head of state of the Democratic Republic of Congo yesterday, sealing his victory over veteran dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

He promised elections in April 1999. Kabila, whose forces marched into the capital on May 17 after a seven-month civil war, swore the oath of office in front of the head of the supreme court and a crowd of tens of thousands of people in Kinshasa's main sports stadium.

In an address to the nation, punctuated with side-swipes at Western governments who supported Mobutu and were pressuring him to show his democratic credentials, he announced a timetable for democratic change in the former Zaire.

"We are not in a hurry. This crumbling and shattered state must be organized so that the Congolese people can hold elections," he said in an address to the nation, naming April 1999 as the date for presidential and parliamentary elections.

"Be assured that the timetable will be respected," he said, adding that no foreign interference would change the timetable.

As a first step, he said a constituent council would be set up to draft a new constitution that would be put to an elected constituent assembly and finally to the people in a referendum in

December 1998. The presidents of Uganda, Rwanda, Angola, Burundi and Zambia attended the ceremony, at which many in the crowd were catching their first glimpse of the man who now controls their destiny.

Kabila, 57, has kept out of the public eye since arriving in the city on May 20. Kabila's soldiers were out in force in the Martyrs Stadium, which was previously called the Kamanyola stadium after Mobutu's most famous victory — against an earlier revolt.

Earlier, organizers publicly warned hundreds of students calling for democracy and payment of grants that any further disruption of the ceremony would provoke a "firm" response and they alone would bear responsibility for the consequences.

One official, speaking over the public address system, also blamed members of Mobutu's defeated army for the disruption and said that they had been apprehended in the crowd.

As Kabila arrived there was a rumble of discontent in some sections of the crowd, who asked in Lingala, a local language, where veteran opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi was.

Mobutu's former military band serenaded the crowd.

"We automatically have unconditional respect for the head of state," said Major Kawamongo Ngodia, commander of the 250-strong brass band. "It does not matter who it

is. Before it was Mobutu, now it is President Kabila." Others were less complimentary. An unemployed computer programmer said neighboring powers were telling Kabila what to do. "Kabila has sold out the country," he grumbled.

The government declared yesterday a public holiday in the city and state radio urged the population to turn out in force at the Chinese-built stadium. It holds upwards of 80,000 people and was at least half full.

Kabila's Alliance has banned political activity and public demonstrations, citing the need to preserve public order.

He decreed himself sweeping powers to run the country until the adoption of a new transitional constitution by a promised constituent council. Earlier in the day, his soldiers broke up a third opposition protest in under a week.

Kabila's 15-article decree, broadcast on state radio and television, said individual liberties would be guaranteed subject to respect of the law, public order and morals.

"The government conducts the policies of the nation as defined by the president," the decree added.

Mobutu ruled mineral-rich Zaire for over three decades, during which rampant corruption drained what is potentially one of Africa's richest nations. Foreign and domestic pressure forced him to abandon his near absolute powers in 1990 for a democratic transition but implementation dragged.

Clinton sees hope in Iran election

LONDON — President Clinton said yesterday the election of a moderate president in Iran is a hopeful sign that "estrangements can be bridged" between the United States and the Islamic nation.

Yet, he said, Iran must renounce violence, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

Speaking at a news conference with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Clinton called the election of moderate cleric Mohammad Khatami "an interesting development" that raised hopes of bettered relations.

Clinton said the election of Khatami was "a reaffirmation of the democratic process there. It's interesting and it's hopeful." Clinton said the United States hopes for "a reconciliation with a country that does not believe that terrorism is a legitimate extension of political policies" and would end its vehement opposition to the Middle East peace process.

"I have never been pleased with the estrangements between the people of the United States and the people of Iran," Clinton said. "I hope the estrangements can be bridged." The United States broke diplomatic relations with Iran after Islamic radicals occupied the US embassy in Teheran in 1979, holding diplomats hostage for more than a year.

The Clinton administration has maintained a strict economic embargo against Iran, and urged other nations to do the same. It also has insisted that normal relations cannot be resumed until Iran renounces terrorism.

Blair yesterday announced a joint initiative with Clinton to fight unemployment in the industrialized nations.

At the joint news conference, Blair said Britain would next year host a special mini-summit on jobs ahead of a meeting of the Group of Seven (G7) major industrialized nations.

Blair said: "In Europe in particular we need to reduce long-term and youth unemployment, both of which are unacceptably high." He added: "We have agreed today to a common agenda and a shared determination to identify what action needs to be taken to tackle the problems we all face." Clinton said: "I am very pleased with the proposal to pursue an economic agenda within the G8 (the G7 and Russia) and I am going to support that." Officials said the two leaders would ask other members of the G7 at next month's summit in Denver, Colorado, to launch a two-year plan aimed at creating jobs in the industrial world by increasing labor market flexibility and reducing the burdens on business. (Agencies)

Pilot completes Earhart's trip

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Retracing Amelia Earhart's ill-fated round-the-world trip, pilot Linda Finch discovered the legendary aviator's appeal is global.

"When I left, I thought Amelia was primarily a role model for young women in this country," said Finch, who crossed 17 countries and five continents. "Now I realize she's admired and respected by nearly everyone, everywhere I went." The San Antonio, Texas, businesswoman landed her twin-engine Lockheed Electra, the same model Earhart used, before a cheering crowd at the Oakland airport Wednesday, completing a 41,840-km journey that took 10 weeks to complete.

Earhart mysteriously disappeared on her way to Howland Island in the South Pacific on July 2, 1937.

While Finch had wanted to focus on Earhart's accomplishments rather than her loss, Finch said she couldn't help but get choked up when she dropped

three wreaths over Howland Island in Earhart's memory.

"It was a much more emotional time than I anticipated," Finch said. "It brought her loss to the forefront." One of the wreaths came from Scott Knoch, the mayor of Atchison, Kansas, Earhart's birthplace. Knoch returned to Oakland to present Finch a lei of sunflowers, partly because yellow was reportedly Earhart's favorite color.

She also received countless bouquets of flowers and cards from children and other well-wishers.

A stiff breeze blew as Finch climbed from the plane, wearing a tan flight suit and looking remarkably alert despite flying for almost 16 hours after her Tuesday departure from Honolulu.

She waved and beamed at the hundreds of people gathered to watch her end the flight she had begun from the same field on March 17.

Prosecution makes closing arguments in McVeigh trial

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh was responsible for a "crime of ghastly proportions" when he blew up the Oklahoma City federal building and killed 168 people, a prosecutor said in closing arguments yesterday.



Larry Mackey

"America stood in shock. Who could do such a thing?" said prosecutor Larry Mackey. "It's a question that began to ripple across this country coast to coast." "It has fallen to you, members of the jury, to answer this question," he said. "The answer is clear Tim McVeigh did it."

Mackey said defense attorney Stephen Jones failed to keep the "bold promise" he made to jurors at the beginning of the trial to prove McVeigh innocent.

He said the evidence clearly showed McVeigh was "motivated by hatred of the government" over the deadly government siege at Waco, Texas, two years earlier.

"Only a wall of windows separated the unsuspecting children, women and men in that building" from the truckload of explosives that tore through the nine-story Alfred P. Murrah federal building on April 19, 1995, Mackey said. He said McVeigh was a coward, who could see the ribs and the toys in the child-care center in the building as he made his way to a getaway car after setting the fuse to the massive bomb.

Mackey cited the testimony of Helena Garrett, who lost her young son, Tevin, in the bombing. "He died. This bomber didn't care. The only thing he cared about was bringing down the Murrah building on top of its occupants," the prosecutor said.

McVeigh, a 29-year-old decorated Gulf War veteran, could get the death penalty if convicted in

the blast, the deadliest act of terrorism on US soil. Co-defendant Terry Nichols is to be tried later. The seven-man, five-woman jury could get the case as early as this afternoon and would deliberate through the weekend if necessary.

The closing arguments came a day after McVeigh's attorneys rested their case after 25 witnesses in just 3 1/2 days.

The modest defense — following a lean prosecution case that saw 137 witnesses in 18 days — came after Matsch refused to allow theories of a larger conspiracy involving foreign and domestic terrorists.

Matsch also refused to allow evidence of troubles at the FBI's crime lab not directly related to the bombing and refused to introduce into evidence nearly all of a Justice Department report critical of the lab.

McVeigh's lawyers were left trying to show that the real bomber may have died in the blast, introducing confusion about the rental of the bomb-carrying Ryder rental truck and discrediting star prosecution witnesses Michael Fortier and his wife, Lori. The couple testified McVeigh confided his plans to blow up the federal building months in advance.

The defense wrapped up its case with an audio and video presentation intended to show how Fortier went from proclaiming the innocence of his former Army buddy on television to joking in wire-tapped phone conversations about concocting a story to make a million dollars off the case.

"I've found my career because I can tell a fable," Fortier said in a conversation with his brother. "I can tell stories all day long."

Turkish leaders struggle to save coalition

Ciller: Inevitable solution is elections

ANKARA (AP) — An Islamic party and its junior partner in government yesterday appeared to move closer to bringing on early elections.

Deputy prime minister Tansu Ciller told reporters at the end of her center-right True Path party's executive council meeting that she was given full authority to finalize negotiations with coalition partner Islamic Welfare Party.

The negotiations seem to be deadlocked on the specific date of early elections and when Mrs. Ciller will take over the premiership from Welfare leader Necmettin Erbakan.

"We're in full agreement that the inevitable solution is elections," Mrs. Ciller told reporters after the meeting.

Welfare's executive body also met separately at the same time, but no announcements were made at its conclusion.

Erbakan reportedly agreed to hand over the premiership to Mrs. Ciller on July 1 under the condition of early elections in October, private NTV television reported.

But Mrs. Ciller wanted a longer premiership term and opted for elections in March, it added.

The Islamic government has been under fire from the military, business world, labor unions and media for its anti-secular moves.

Meanwhile, Turkish troops consolidated their control in parts of northern Iraq yesterday in a two-week-old anti-guerrilla operation which has attracted

increasing protest internationally, state-run Anatolian news agency reported.

Anatolian quoted sources in the region as saying Turkish forces had "taken complete control" of many areas of the Kurdish enclave where Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) rebels were active.

It said among areas under Turkish military control were Snash, Khwakur, Zap, Stidkan, Nerva, Rekan and Beersani.

Guerrillas and Turkish forces clashed sporadically across the region. On Wednesday night, troops killed 13 rebels trying to flee into the mountains from Snash, the agency said.

At least 10,000 Turkish troops poured into northern Iraq on May 14 in pursuit of PKK rebels who use the region as a base to launch raids into southeast Turkey.

Several hundred demonstrators gathered yesterday at the Turkish embassy in Baghdad to protest against the incursion.

They waved placards and shouted slogans denouncing both Turkey and Israel and demanding that Ankara withdraw its troops immediately from the area. "Down, down, down Turkey and Israel," screamed demonstrators.

Turkey says it has killed 1,817 PKK guerrillas during the operation. Rebel sources say these figures are exaggerated and the PKK leader put the rebel death toll at only 30.

The operation is being conducted under a strict news blackout.

Child raped, killed in California casino

LONG BEACH (AP) — An 18-year-old high school student befriended a 7-year-old girl, then raped and killed her inside the women's restroom of a casino, police said yesterday.

Jeremy Strohmeier was arrested for investigation of the slaying of Sherrice Iverson, whose body was found at the Primadonna Resort — one of three hotel-casinos in Primm, 70 km southwest of Las Vegas, Metropolitan Police Sgt. Bill Keeton said.

Sherrice had arrived in the area with her father, Leroy Iverson, 57, of Los Angeles, and 14-year-old brother.

Security guards had warned Sherrice's family three times that night not to leave her alone

in an arcade while they were gambling, a source connected with the casino said. Keeton said Strohmeier gained Sherrice's trust by playing with her. Casino surveillance tapes show Sherrice playing hide-and-seek in the arcade with two men.

At 3:50 a.m., she darted into the women's restroom, and one of the men followed her. The man came out alone 25 minutes later. Several women went in while the man was inside, police said.

A witness described a suspect with nipple rings and a stud in his tongue and Strohmeier matches the description.

Strohmeier also made statements implicating himself in the girl's killing, Keeton said, refusing to elaborate.

French Left confident

PARIS (Reuters) — France's increasingly confident opposition Left ridiculed the "odd couple" cast in the role of saviors of the center-right yesterday while the conservative government struggled to avert defeat in Sunday's parliamentary election.

Outgoing Prime Minister Alain Juppe conceded in a radio interview the Socialist-led opposition could win the decisive runoff and pleaded with his backers to campaign "with a bit more fire and passion" in the dying days of the race.

Even some senior centrists in the ruling coalition voiced dismay at a tandem of socially-minded National Assembly speaker Philippe Seguin and free-marketeer Alain Madelin, thrust into the limelight in a last-ditch unity gamble.

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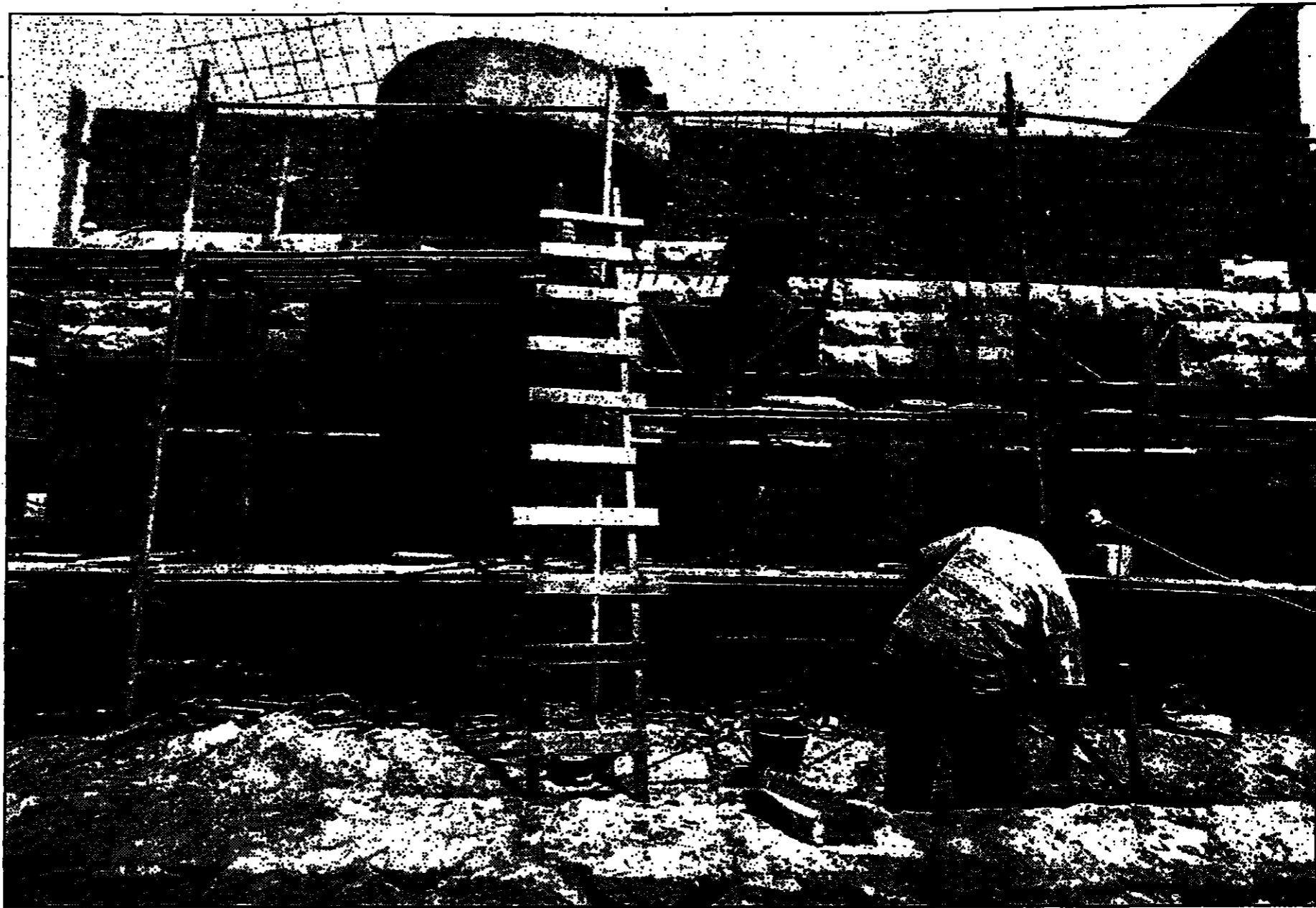
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Boom or bust? Construction in the territories

With talk of a final settlement looming, settlers are more anxious than ever to establish facts on the ground. Do houses stand empty — as the US recently charged — or is there a long waiting list to join settlements? Margot Dudkevitch reports.



Housing for young couples in Elkana: Community leaders say they are swamped with requests from people who want to live there.

(Sarit Uzkiy)

Recent ad campaigns promoting house sales in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Jordan Valley give the impression that intensive construction is taking place, but statistics show more building permits were approved under the former government than under the current one.

In its last year and a half in power, the Labor government granted 3,942 permits, while the Likud coalition has authorized only 2,200 over the past 18 months.

But Yehiel Leiter, head of the foreign desk of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza (known by the Hebrew acronym Yeshua Council), says the figures are much higher under the current government. "In Kiryat Sefer alone 2,000 permits were granted, in Ma'aleh Adumim over 1,000, in Kedumim there were 200," he says.

Settlers had hoped the current government would allow more construction in the territories, he says, and many had expected a building binge.

"At the same time, it's not simple to re-direct government policy of four years. The government is not going to build any government-sponsored housing, so it's up to the private contractors," he says.

Leiter adds that the Yeshua

Council's demand for more building will become more urgent once the 3,000 units released last year are sold.

"At present, the council plans to set up a special mortgage bank that will allow residents throughout the territories to apply for second and third mortgages to complete buildings. This should allow more young couples to purchase homes."

Settlements, however, are inundated with requests from families throughout the country seeking to purchase a private house with a yard. Where once ideology reigned as the springboard, the majority of those now applying appear more intent on attaining a higher standard of living.

Last December, the government decided to classify the settlements as national priority areas, making them once again eligible for a large basket of financial incentives. The decision not only assured settlers that they are important, but persuaded many non-ideological Israelis that now is the time to move across the Green Line.

In many settlements, the majority of houses now being sold were initiated by the Shamir government and finished under the Rabin government. Due to the Labor government freeze, however, they are only now being put on the market.

ACCORDING to Mossy Raz, secretary-general of Peace Now, thousands of building permits have been granted in the past weeks, including 1,800 in Kiryat Sefer, 300 in Ganim and 58 in

Government financial incentives have persuaded many non-ideological Israelis that now is the time to move across the Green Line.

Sha'arei Tikva.

He also predicts 1,500 permits will soon be issued for Ma'aleh Adumim, 1,200 for Emanuel and 70 in Karnei Shomron. The former government, says Raz, carried out its decisions quietly, without annoying the Palestinians.

"For instance, former government leaders knew that areas such as Ma'aleh Adumim would ruffle no feathers, but decided

against construction in a settlement like Tapuah, deemed politically sensitive," he says. Funds allocated to settlements under the former government, says Raz, became the settlers' responsibility, whereas the current government hands out all sorts of incentives, including a 7% tax reduction, loans to cover a majority of the mortgage, and additional sums in the form of grants.

Earlier this year, the Jordan Valley advertised under the slogan "Jordan Valley, a strip of opportunities," offering 50 houses for sale that had been built by the Housing Ministry in 1995, as well as 25 units in "build your own home" projects in eight different moshavim.

Three months after the campaign started, Community Development Coordinator Shulamit Kaminsky says the regional council offices had received over 1,300 requests from people seeking to purchase a house on a plot of land.

Prices, says Kaminsky, range from \$50,000 for Housing Ministry units built in 1995 to \$180,000 for the build-your-own-home projects.

"We were amazed with the results," she says, adding that people applied from all over the country. Most of the candidates were professionals: teachers, salesmen, artists, dentists, lawyers and engineers. People didn't even raise political issues,

but stressed they were fed up with city life, Kaminsky said.

Meanwhile, the Samaria Regional Council is planning to sell 900 houses in settlements such as Barkan, Ginet Shomron and Karnei Shomron.

Settlements are inundated with requests from families seeking to purchase a private house with a yard.

BUT THE mini-building boom will not come to settlements such as Elkana, which views future expansion as unlikely, mainly due to geographical limitations.

Mayor Nissan Kaminsky says the council constantly receives requests from people wishing to live there, and would like the current 600-family settlement to expand. But this would only be possible if another 2,000 dunams of land are allocated to the settlement.

Established in 1977, Elkana

has the appearance of an upmarket neighborhood like Herzliya Pitmah. Huge villas, boasting the latest in architectural styles, are divided into different neighborhoods.

Well-maintained roads and footpaths separate them, surrounded by well-kept green areas. In addition, the oldest part of the settlement contains approximately 110 prefabricated units in which the founding members lived. Today these are occupied by families waiting to move into new homes elsewhere in the settlement.

ACCORDING to Samaria Regional Council spokeswoman Ahuva Shilo, the community of Barkan has become more appealing due to the enormous industrial complex next door. The 160-family settlement is planning to sell 45 "build your own home plots" and has plans for hundreds more.

Indeed, the 100-factory industrial park, which employs 4,000 workers from the region, is very impressive. Park director Ety Aloush explains that in 1989, when the park was first established, there were only 25 factories. Now she is inundated with requests from businesses wanting to set up there.

A large mall at the park's entrance offers every service factories may require, including

a post office, bank and cafeteria. "The aim is that factory owners will be able to order any supplies they need without leaving the complex," she says.

SITUATED on three hilltops under the jurisdiction of the Karnei Shomron local council are Ginet Shomron, established in 1975 and home to 250 families; Karnei Shomron, established in 1977, with 750 families (including a new neighborhood called Neveh Aliza, with 60 houses inhabited by new immigrants from Western countries); and Neveh Menahem, founded in 1991, which has 120 houses that were completed before the former government declared a freeze, and cement shells of 300 buildings that were affected by the freeze and have stood empty since 1992.

When the area was established, plans were drawn up for 2,400 units there. A road joining Karnei Shomron and Ginet Shomron was built in 1992, says council engineer Ada Ginsburg, who adds that by next year she hopes the road to Neveh Menahem will be completed.

In Ginet Shomron, the Housing Ministry recently allowed the sale of 75 units that had been left empty due to the freeze.

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In Barak's shadow:

Tuesday's Labor Party leadership contest was over before it ever began. A year after its stinging defeat, the party is obsessed with one issue: beating Bibi at the next poll. Most members believe Ehud Barak is the only one who can do that. They may be braced to vote for Barak, but many Laborites secretly – and not so secretly – prefer other candidates, as Larry Derfner, Allison Kaplan Sommer and Abraham Rabinovich discovered on the campaign trail of the four contenders.



In the spotlight: Ehud Barak campaigning in Haifa

(Roni Sofer)

Born to rule?

One after another, members of Kibbutz Ramat Yohanan came up to shake hands with Ehud Barak on Sunday, slap him on the back and recall their days together in the army or the kibbutz movement. "I feel at home here," Barak told about 150 people in the dining room of this kibbutz east of Haifa, not far from Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon where he grew up. "As I drove in, I saw places where I used to play in my childhood, and people with whom I fought in the Yom Kippur War," he said.

That night, at the inauguration of the Yitzhak Rabin Social Sciences and Mathematics Complex at Haifa University, Barak greeted Rabin's daughter, Dalia Rabin Pelosoff, with a familiar, "Ahan" ("Hi"), and they kissed each other on the cheek.

Shaking hands with Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar Yashuv Cohen, Barak greeted him with a "Sholem aleichem."

Barak is one of those Israeli aristocrats who has many, many thousands of friends and acquaintances. He is at the top of the kibbutz-IDF-Labor Party establishment. Most observers believe it is a foregone conclusion he will win Tuesday's Labor primary by a landslide.

As a former IDF chief of staff and as the most decorated soldier in Israeli history, Barak, 55, has an infectious air about him that suggests that the leadership of the Labor Party is his by right, that he was bred for it. "I see myself, first and foremost, as the continuation of Yitzhak

Ehud Barak has an infectious air about him that suggests the leadership of the party is his by right, Larry Derfner reports

and Shimon," he told his audience at Ramat Yohanan.

A German TV crew was following Barak around. In the visitors' lounge at Haifa University, he shook hands with a line of foreign donors who were introduced to him, telling them in his gravelly, lisp-like voice, "It's my pleasure to meet you."

Sir Anthony Jacobs, chairman of the university's Board of Governors, told him, "In England, only one name in the Israeli opposition is ever mentioned, and I happen to be talking to him." Jacobs spoke about Tony Blair's victory, and Barak said little, smiling his Robert De Niro smile.

The absolute certainty of his primary victory, however, makes his campaign dull. He doesn't have to sweat. Standing in the kibbutz dining room

with a microphone in his hand, his other hand resting on his hip or making fiddling gestures in the air, Barak spoke for a half-hour, running through probably every position in the Labor Party platform. Towards the end, about a third of the audience was staring into space. "Well," the emcee said afterward, "the 'opening remarks' turned into a lecture, but that's also good." Barak raised an eyebrow, and went on eating his crackers and pretzels.

He got medium applause from his listeners, but he can expect to get a lot of votes from them. Four kibbutzniks talking among themselves all said they were voting Barak. "He's a leader," explained Ofer Levy. "He was my son's commander," noted an elderly woman.

At Haifa University, Mayor Amram Mitzna – another former army general who had a niche in Labor carved out and waiting for him – offered more substantial reasons: "I've known Ehud for many years. He has amazing personal capacities – brilliant powers of analysis; he can deal with details and keep the big picture in front of him at the same time. He has great skill at managing large organizations. Together, this makes him the right man for the job."

Above all, though, Labor voters see Barak as their Great White Hope – possibly the only challenger with the stature and centrist image to beat Binyamin Netanyahu in the 2000 elections, if not before. A Gallup Poll published last weekend showed Barak leading Netanyahu among Jewish voters 45% to 40%; Israeli Arabs would likely prefer him over the prime minister by a much wider margin.

And he does come across as a winner. When he wasn't rambling on about policy and party unity, and instead presenting his strategy for winning the general election, Barak was impressive. To win, he said, he didn't have to reverse Netanyahu's huge majority among working-class Sephardim; he only had to dent it.

That's what Rabin did in 1992, he noted – raising Labor's total from 20% to 35% in one development town, from 20% to 25% in another. "Rabin won by moving 2% of the vote from the Right to the Left," he told the audience. As for the bareheaded, he said, "We won't change them, but maybe we will dampen their enthusiasm to bring down any candidate who comes from the Left."

During this brief passage, Barak talked confidence, can-do spirit to the kibbutzniks. The Labor Party, he said, has come to view Netanyahu's victory "almost deterministically. As soon as it was known Netanyahu had won, even by a hair, then all of a sudden it was as if it was predestined, as if the writing was on the wall."

"[But] it wasn't predestined, it wasn't written on the wall – it's in our hands, and we can change it, and that's what we plan to do."

That day was Lag Ba'omer, and a reported 150,000 people went up to Mt. Meron for the annual religious revival. Netanyahu was there, and his supporters sang, "Bibi King of Israel" to him. Barak chose not to attend. It seemed a surprising decision for an ambitious, would-be prime minister, but Barak explained that it was a practical one.

"We're at the height of the primary campaign, and I don't think too many of those people are Labor Party members," he said. "But I'm going to see what I can do to bring them into the Labor Party. From next year on, I'll be there."



'That's the head.' Yossi Beilin at a Jerusalem press conference

(Ariel Jorisch)

More brain than brawn

Yossi Beilin says he's on a quest to save the party from a Barak dictatorship, Allison Kaplan Sommer writes

Someone truly perceptive came up with Dr. Yossi Beilin's campaign slogan. The phrase, "Beilin – that's the head," appears on all of his campaign material. The word "head" carries a double meaning: stating that Beilin should head the Labor Party and at the same time stressing his intellectual skills.

But the slogan-writer unconsciously brought to light Beilin's greatest weakness: it takes more than a sharp brain to convince people to choose you as their leader; it also takes heart and muscle – or at least the appearance of possessing them.

Beilin, calm and analytical by nature, lacks the good-old-boy, slap-on-the-back rapport that have lifted politicians like Bill Clinton and Binyamin Netanyahu to power in recent years.

He also lacks the Rabinesque macho military aura that the front-runner in the Labor race, Ehud Barak, exudes, and which most of the Labor Party leadership has decided to bank on as an "electable" quality. Even Laborites who prefer his outspoken clear dovish views over Barak's fuzziest centrist positions admit they want to win the election and return to power more than they want their views reflected by the leader of their party.

Hence, Beilin, No. 2 in the polls, has found it difficult to overtake the charismatic former chief of staff.

Walking into the Radium radio station in Rosh Ha'ayin on Monday morning, impeccably groomed in suit and tie, Beilin resists attempts by the station's gregarious owner, David Ben-Bassat, to informally schmooze.

Beilin is polite to a fault. Ben-Bassat asks if Beilin ever listens to Radium when he is driving.

Lamely, unconvincingly, Beilin nods his head without making eye contact with Ben Bassat and mumbles "Sometimes" – then quickly adds, "You know, I make a lot of phone calls in the car." But once comfortably seated in the studio, talking politics and policy into the microphone, Beilin is far more relaxed.

He hits his stride as he reviews the main points of his campaign for Labor leadership. He makes no secret of the fact that it is not a post he has craved over the years, but that his decision to run was made when it appeared that Barak was about to be

crowned Labor leader without any real opposition. His is not a candidacy of personal ambition, he contends, it is a quest to save the Labor Party from a Barak dictatorship. While first professing his admiration for Barak as a military man, he proceeds to shoot darts into his candidacy.

"Ehud Barak is an unknown quantity, he has been in politics for less than two years and has never fought a public battle in his life. He will try to beat Bibi Netanyahu by emulating him, and trying to appeal to a centrist vote that I don't believe exists. I reject this strongman approach – painting yourself as being in the center and then only later saying what you really think."

He returns to a theme of his campaign: "Barak says that only he can win. But polls show us both beating Netanyahu – the question is not then who can beat Bibi, but who should lead the Labor Party." It is a line he has to adjust later on that day, as a poll comes out showing Barak with a far better chance of a victory against Netanyahu than he has.

In general, Monday was not a good press day for Beilin. His "shadow cabinet" was published in the press, and was ridiculed by Barak, whom he slotted as defense minister. Barak joked that the odds of his becoming defense minister were as slim as Beilin's chances of being elected Labor leader.

After the radio interview, Beilin headed back to the Knesset to spend the afternoon in Labor Party meetings, to give an interview to *Ma'ariv*, and to attend the no-confidence vote.

Then it was back to the campaign trail and a meeting at a home in Beit Shemesh. The scene sounds incongruous – Yossi Beilin in Beit Shemesh, one of the toughest Likud

strongholds in the country. But Beilin met with an extremely supportive group of some 20 of the town's most dovish Laborites at activist Yair Tevet's villa in the up-market Givat Sharett neighborhood.

"Not only is this group not reflective of Beit Shemesh," admitted Tevet, "but it doesn't even represent the Labor Party in Beit Shemesh. Most of them are at a Barak rally taking place in town tonight."

Again, Beilin opens the forum with his critique of Barak and the need for him to face some opposition instead of cruising to the leadership, noting that "no one can disagree with his views because no one knows what they are."

Beilin's own views are as clear as they are controversial: support for a Palestinian state, specific arrangements for the status of the settlements, the belief that Israel should exchange peace with security guarantees from Syria for a return to the international borders on the Golan Heights.

He advocates a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon, "preferably" with a signed agreement, but he would settle for informal understandings. "It is easier to guard our country from within rather than without," he says. "There is no need for our soldiers to continue dying in Lebanon."

Beilin's reviews from the group were favorable. However, all of the positive comments were followed up with reservations about his electability.

"He is a serious guy, modest, he has no airs, does not put on a show," says Avner Ra'an, a retired air force officer now in private business in Beit Shemesh, "but he lacks charisma."

"For a party to win an election today you need a central force, a personality. I support Beilin but I don't think he will make it."

"He impresses me. I don't go for the aggressive style, all of the yelling in politics today. But I'm in the minority," said Sarit Ramon, a youth counselor. "He has to find a tactic to make himself stand out in a crowd. His body language makes him look insecure."

Yeheiel Erez, a bearded, barefoot, old-style socialist who writes for a Beit Shemesh publication, summed up Beilin's image problem the most succinctly: "He knows how to sell his ideas, but he doesn't know how to sell himself."

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The Labor leadership countdown



A somber candidate: Ephraim Sneh at a bar mitzva, in Upper Nazareth. (Ronit Soffer)



'My heart is for Ben-Ami, but my brain is for Barak,' says Haifa activist Shlomo Erez (right), enjoying a moment with Ben-Ami. (Jonathan Bloom)

The cult favorite

He's the only candidate stressing a social message, the only Sephardi, the only newcomer. Shlomo Ben-Ami is the underdog with nowhere to go but up, writes Larry Derfner

Shlomo Erez is working for the shoe-in candidate, MK Ehud Barak, in the Labor Party primaries campaign. Yet on a recent evening, he was sitting with a dozen other party members at Haifa's Labor headquarters, listening eagerly to the admired underdog in the race, the cult favorite, MK Shlomo Ben-Ami.

"My heart is for Ben-Ami, but my brain is for Barak," said Erez, 58, who used to head the Histadrut's Safed branch. "I'm for Barak for one reason — because I want to beat Netanyahu, and Barak needs as big a majority as possible in the primaries to do this."

Smiling conspiratorially, Erez calls Barak "Napoleon" — his character on the *Hartsefim* TV program — and says he likes Ben-Ami because he's "very smart, simple, modest, friendly." Laughing, he adds: "And he's a Moroccan, like me." Erez could have written Ben-Ami's campaign slogan — "The one I really want."

Sitting in the back seat of his campaign car, prodding his driver to speed it up as they went barreling through Galilee, late for a meeting with Israeli Arab Labor supporters, Ben-Ami was shaking his head — the party establishment, he's found, is filled with Shlomo Erezes.

"A few MKs who are publicly for Barak have come up to me on the sly and said they want to help me. Such cowards," he says. "It's a demoralizing spectacle — all these people who are out to make a career for themselves, who support Barak because they think he'll help them become MKs in the 2000 elections. Nobody has any backbone, nobody will stand up for their principles."

It's not just the party establishment, though, whose main principle appears to be "winning is everything"; it seems the Labor rank-and-file is also ready to give Ben-Ami lots of kudos, but very few votes.

After the recent televised debate among the four candidates, a Telesaker poll of Labor Party viewers found that 17.45 percent thought Ben-Ami the most convincing, placing him a close third behind MK Yossi Beilin.

Asked, however, which candidate had the best chance to lead the party back to power, 0.8 percent chose Ben-Ami, placing him last behind MK Ephraim Sneh.

Yet as a first-term, relatively unknown MK in a field of familiar faces, Ben-Ami, 53, has nowhere to go but up. This campaign is pure political profit for him.

He has an enviable niche: the only candidate stressing a social

message, the only Sephardi, and, as a newcomer, the only one free from the baggage of last year's election defeat.

"Sneh headed the campaign for the religious vote, Beilin the campaign for the immigrant vote. These were critical sectors that voted overwhelmingly for Netanyahu. Barak, for his part, headed Peres's personal campaign. And now these same people are asking to lead the party again. In no other democracy could this happen," he says.

Ben-Ami, a Tel Aviv University professor of modern European history and former ambassador to Spain, argues that by concentrating solely on the peace process, Labor has become the party of the elite, alienating itself from the poor, the Sephardim and the religious.

Only by standing for policies that help the poor, clarifying that "there is no contradiction between democracy and tradition," and acquiring a human touch, he says, can Labor earn the allegiance of the common folk.

Last week, Labor political consultant Haim Assa wrote in *Ma'ariv*, "Netanyahu will remain in power until Labor voters understand what Shlomo Ben-Ami is telling them." Outgoing Labor secretary-general Nissim Zivili has called Ben-Ami a "phenomenon," saying his campaign is "planting seeds that will bear fruit for him in the future."

Still, a political campaign is not only about ideas, it's also about getting from Point A to Point B, and the Ben-Ami campaign was stuck in traffic in the middle of Sakhnin, keeping a living room full of Arab voters waiting. "A traffic jam in an Arab village. Unbelievable," he fumes.

He finally gets to the house, hugs the host, shakes hands with a dozen or so men who stand to greet him, sits down and begins apologizing profusely for being late and having to cut the visit short. Again and again, he promises to come back here within a week after the primaries, "no matter what the outcome." If there are any hurt feelings in the house, they seem to be assuaged.

"We on the Left — Labor and Meretz — always took the Israeli

Arab vote for granted," Ben-Ami tells his listeners. "We thought the Arabs would vote for us simply because we're for the peace process, but we never considered that maybe the Arabs were tired of this." He makes sure to point out that he recently spearheaded Labor's official assent to a future Palestinian state.

"People, are you prepared to forgive my rudeness and hutzpa?" he asks, preparing to leave. "You don't have to exaggerate," says one of the guests.

Arriving in Haifa and heading up the stairs of the Labor HQ, Ben-Ami smiles cynically and says, "The Kremlin of Haifa." Inside, he tells the voters, mainly pensioners, that by disregarding the poor, "Labor left a void and Shas filled it."

"What do I have to do in this country, join a yeshiva?" one man calls out.

"Shas, Shas," a woman moans.

"There's a return to high unemployment — it's now 7.5 percent," Ben-Ami says. "There are development towns that look like they've gone through a war. State-funded pensions, free child care, free education for everyone — these are the issues we can carry forward, as a party of the people, and return to power."

But the audience wants to know: can he beat Netanyahu?

"You're not seeing me at my best, believe me, and those of you who watched me in the [TV] debate know it. I don't know anybody in the Labor Party who can compete with Netanyahu on television like I can," he says. "I drove all around this country for two-and-a-half years, alone, in the cold, in the rain, before I ran for Knesset. I am one determined Jew, and I don't give up."

Afterward, everybody crowds around Ben-Ami to shake his hand. A few even promise to vote for him.

Shlomo Erez, the Barak campaign activist, knows Ben-Ami from years back. He comes up to the candidate and hugs him. They're smiling and laughing, and Erez tells Ben-Ami, "I was just saying, 'My heart is for Ben-Ami, but my brain is for Barak.'"

Ben-Ami, still smiling and laughing, looks Erez in the eye. "Nobody's perfect," he says.

His father's son

What Ephraim Sneh lacks in charisma, he makes up for in dogged determination, Abraham Rabinovich reports

If Job's resolve were to be tested in a modern setting he could well be a politician striding into a shopping mall at peak hour — smile in place, antiseptic up, personality projector flashing — to find no one there.

Ephraim Sneh has been through worse in his life — he served as a paratroop medical officer at the horrific battle at the Chinese Farm in Sinai in the Yom Kippur War. He was also present at Labor Party headquarters in the last elections. But there was something ineffably sad about the sight of the candidate, geared up to work his way through throngs of voters, idly pausing in an empty corridor to examine the window display of a bookshop.

None of his local aides could explain why the Nazareth shopping mall, serving both the Jews of the upper city and the Arabs of the lower, should be so empty at 6 p.m. on a Monday. Perhaps a soccer game on television, someone suggested.

But Sneh, after purchasing a gift voucher in the bookstore, demonstrated the mettle of a seasoned politician. "This is a clear-cut result of the breakdown in the peace process," he said to the one reporter tagging along. "Foreign investments have fallen and it's affecting the economy."

Sneh is probably the least charismatic of the four candidates for the Labor leadership but the one with the most diverse life experience. A medical doctor and a career army officer, he participated in the Entebbe rescue, served as head of the Civil Administration in Judea and Samaria and commanded the security zone in south Lebanon. He retired from the army as a general in 1987, and later served as a special emissary on a number of delicate political missions for prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, including making early contacts with the PLO and assignments abroad. He practiced medicine in civilian life, had extensive contacts in the Arab sector, and served as health minister in the previous government.

aged to escape to Palestine with his wife after Poland's fall. He was embraced by the Zionist establishment and became commander of the Hagana for a period. There were many who saw the articulate, forceful figure as a future prime minister. But his political orientation shifted steadily leftward until he joined the communist party and became its leader in the Knesset. His old comrades in the Israeli mainstream were shocked and accused him of going over to the other side.

The elder Sneh went through another dramatic reversal after the Six Day War when his tone became increasingly patriotic, countering the Soviet anti-Israel line. When he died in 1972, he left a public testament, read out at a rally by Ephraim, then 28. In it, Moshe expressed "repentance at having totally rejected Zionism."

In his will, he asked that Ephraim recite the Kaddish at his grave. In a defiant aside to his atheistic comrades in the party, he said in his will, "I see Jewish tradition as the secret of our survival."

Asked whether his parents had been a strong influence on him, Ephraim responded enthusiastically. "Yes, but not from indoctrination. What I learned from my parents I learned from personal example, not preaching."

WHETHER OR not he was pursuing his father's destiny in the Nazareth shopping mall this week, Sneh did not waver. After a quarter hour of shaking the hands of shop owners in the absence of customers, he was confronted by an elderly woman shopper. "I knew your mother [a pediatrician] in Tel Aviv," said the woman, who introduced herself as a Golomb, one of the state's founding families. "She treated my daughter. A wonderful woman."

As they chatted, a circle began to form around Sneh as shoppers

magically appeared. The circle soon began to represent the circle of his life. A young woman, accompanied by her husband, stopped in her tracks upon seeing Sneh and asked whether he remembered her. "What a small world," he cried. "Tell me about yourself and your father." Their acquaintance had its origins in a trip made by Sneh to Baku several years ago on Rabin's behalf for purposes he declines to discuss.

There he met the Azerbaijani defense minister who asked him to pass on greetings to an old friend now living in Rehovot. Upon returning to Israel, Sneh did so. At the Rehovot man's request, Sneh arranged for the immigrant's daughter — the young woman — to take a course as a physiotherapist. She had been a doctor in Baku but was unable to pass the qualifying exam in Israel. Sneh also found work for the father, an engineer, with the Israel Electric Corp.

"I'm now working as a physiotherapist at the health fund here," she said, "and my father's still with the electric company." The deputy mayor of Upper Nazareth, Edna Rodrig, who was escorting Sneh through the mall, turned out to be the wife of one of the officers under his command in the Yom Kippur War.

Others who came up to greet him included Arabs he knew. One was a Christian from Nazareth who had studied dentistry in Russia and, like the Baku doctor, was unable to pass the qualifying examination in Israel. Sneh advised him to spend time observing a local dentist at work before taking the examination again.

"I've traveled 40,000 kilometers in my car since I started these rounds last July," he said as he left for Labor Party headquarters in Upper Nazareth. "That's the equivalent of a trip around the world."

"Enjoy it? Yes. I enjoy the human landscape and the landscape of the country."

For half an hour at party headquarters, he outlined his program to a score of supporters. It was a detailed, overly long presentation. What came through was earnestness and a sense of mission. "I say the same things at every meeting but I change the way I say it so that I don't bore myself," he confided afterwards.

A silver-haired man in the room named Boris said he favored Sneh's program and Sneh personally. "But I don't see how you will beat [Ehud] Barak." A woman in the hall was consoling. "You'll certainly be part of the ruling circle," she said.

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Will Beirut ever be Paris again?

Lebanon's prime minister is trying to shed the country's war-torn image and attract massive foreign investment. So far, the West is not convinced, Steve Rodan reports

It was billed as a two-day congress of Arab investors meeting to talk about Lebanon's future. There was Khaled Fayez, president of the Gulf Investment Institution. Nearby was Abdel Latif Hamed, president of the Arab Economic and Development Fund. All in all, about 350 high-powered businessmen arrived at the conference sponsored by Lebanon's central bank.

Raouf Abu Ziki, a Lebanese economic analyst, came to the point. Lebanon needs a huge amount of money for reconstruction and development: between \$350 and \$400 billion over the next decade. The question he asked was whether the West, let alone the Arab world, had enough belief in Beirut to restore its title of the Paris of the Middle East.

These days, Lebanese politicians are asking the international financial community to suspend disbelief. Lebanon is occupied by about 40,000 Syrian troops, which has led to the elimination of any open criticism of Damascus. About an hour from Beirut, Israeli and Hizbullah forces - with the blessing of the Lebanese government - slug it out daily. But in the Lebanese capital, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri is trying to convince foreign investors that his country is ripe for their money.

Hariri, who became prime minister in October 1992, has tried his best to change Lebanon's image. He has invited US pop and blues artists as well as soccer stars. He had Pope John Paul II last month. And for the investors, the government opened a stock market; the shares traded there have a total value of \$121 million.

The Lebanese aim has been to convince the US, which Hariri has wooed over the past two years, to abolish "travel restrictions for American citizens. Hariri's pitch is that the areas under formal Lebanese government control are safe. The 1975-90 civil war, which resulted in the deaths of 150,000 people, is long over. The era of kidnappings in the mid-1980s is a thing of the past. Government con-

tracts are bountiful and joint ventures are the rage. Foreign investors, however, have not succeeded in distinguishing between the violence in south Lebanon and the rest of the country.

Moreover, Lebanon's reconstruction policy has gone awry and the country now badly needs foreign aid as much as it does private capital.

"Lebanon has been quasi-successful in attracting capital for infrastructure and real-estate related projects," says Ziad K. Abdelnour, a Lebanese native and managing director of the New York-based InterBank/Birchall Equities. "However, what the country mostly needs is to develop its industrial and manufacturing base."

Further, there is a growing consensus in Lebanon today that they have been sold a bag of empty goods by Hariri and his friends. Hariri's appointment as prime minister nearly five years ago by Syria was meant to encourage investors to rebuild Lebanon. Hariri is the biggest stockholder in Solidere, the largest company in Lebanon and one of the largest in the Middle East, with capital of more than \$2.5 billion.

Some have invested in Lebanon. These include the Saudis, who are close to Hariri. There are also Kuwaitis and other Gulf executives as well as prominent members of what Abdelnour estimates is a 15-million-strong Lebanese diaspora.

But the big money has not arrived. The Europeans have participated in a small number of joint ventures. The US is out of the picture.

Safety is one big reason. Tens of thousands of Americans, mainly those with families in Lebanon, have defied the US travel ban and visited Lebanon. The travelers are given an entry visa on a separate sheet of paper. But they limit their investment in the country to helping their families.

Abdelnour is disappointed in Lebanon. He and many other Lebanese natives now living in the



Downtown Beirut, 1976. Close to \$400 billion is needed to restore the Lebanese capital to its former glory.

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Rafik Hariri (U.P.P.A.)

West thought that Hariri would introduce democracy, rule of law and free trade to promote investors. Their hope was that Lebanon would change because in the end its rulers wanted to make money more than they wanted to have titles in a government under occupation.

But as Abdelnour and his colleagues realized, the Hariri government is trying to have both. The result is that Lebanon remains a country built on payoffs.

"There are competitive bids in Lebanon but if you are not part of the Hariri/Syrian apparatus, it is unlikely you are going to win any bids," he says. "That is unless of course you are General Electric. And then Hariri and his friends would want to take a piece of the action. No project gets off the ground without Hariri's approval."

of millions of dollars for reconstruction projects. The contracts themselves involve payoffs and kickbacks to government officials, who have established slush funds. Each minister is said to have his own slush fund.

The Syrians are also getting rich from the arms trade in Lebanon. Syrian officers charge hefty fees from Hizbullah to allow Iranian weapons to reach the Shi'ite fighters in the Bekaa Valley.

Western intelligence sources say that over the past year Iran has sent 37 plane loads of military equipment and ammunition, including ground-to-air missiles to Damascus. From there, the equipment goes by land to the Bekaa. Abdelnour says that after all the kickbacks and bribes, less than half of the Lebanese contract award is actually designated to the project itself.

At the same time, the Syrians are usually those who are employed in the projects. Today, Western diplomats report, about one million

Syrians work in Lebanon. They have resettled the country, with a population of 3.1 million, and the diplomats say they are quietly changing the demographics as well as the character of Lebanon.

In December, a busload of Syrian workers was attacked; one passenger was killed and seven wounded. At the same time, leaflets were distributed in Christian areas calling for a revolt against Damascus's influence in Lebanon.

"Damascus is clearly turning Lebanon into its private economic engine by allowing Beirut to attract foreign investment and launch huge construction projects and reopen its financial markets," Abdelnour says. "There is no upturn in the economy. The Lebanese pound is artificially high. There is a severe liquidity crunch among citizens."

The statistics: Western economists say the purchasing power of the Lebanese pound has decreased by 40 percent since Hariri assumed

power. Unemployment is reported at 35 percent. The budget deficit is 50 percent. Lebanon's debt is \$14 billion, up from \$1b. in 1990.

Abdelnour expects Lebanon's debt to increase to \$19b. in 1998 and \$25b. in 1999. "Hariri is a brilliant construction man but a very lousy manager," he says. "At the rate Lebanon is going it is headed toward bankruptcy."

A 1995 Lebanese Cabinet policy statement confirms the bad news.

"The document complains that many of the reconstruction projects have not been implemented. 'Until this happens this stage will seem difficult for citizens and will require the collaboration of all in efforts to control the budget deficit,' the statement said."

Hariri believes the key is US investment and that means an end to the travel restrictions imposed by Washington. For the last two years, Lebanese officials have been fulfilling US demands to improve security in an attempt to lift the travel ban.

US law enforcement officials have called for numerous changes in Beirut's international airport. These include relocating of runways, installing sophisticated security equipment at the airport, and adding new roads that would bypass Beirut's Hizbullah-dominated southern suburbs. Some US officials say they are hoping the White House will reconsider its restrictions on American travel by the end of the summer.

"The Lebanese will do whatever we want," a US official says. "They just want to satisfy us so there is free travel. The problem is we don't think we can guarantee the safety of Americans from another wave of kidnappings."

Abdelnour says the White House is justified in moving slowly. "American investors will not come to Lebanon unless travel restrictions are completely off," he says. "And rightly so. Why should they invest in the region when a loose bunch of mullahs are on the run?"

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Gold, God and Glory



By AMOTZ ASA-EL

I was one of those bright, quiet, crisp mornings with which the humble, solemn and remote Jerusalem of the mid-'60s was abundantly endowed.

recall how our little throats' frantic singing shook the foundations of the stout building where I learned how to read, write, and conquer.

those walls were hosting Shin Bet conclaves, but only two decades later, having read David Grossman's 'The Yellow Wind', would we realize that each such vehicle belonged to an agent who was 'in charge' of a Palestinian village.

of Africa, America and Asia, those three Gs were pre-conceived targets aimed at proselytizing natives, extracting their raw materials and expanding the conquerors' global reach.



External action versus internal intention

By SHLOMO PERKIN

ly differ as to what is more significant - the external action or the internal intention. For example, if an individual desecrates the Sabbath without having intended to do so, R. Yehuda declares him culpable but R. Shimon absolves him of guilt.

A VIEW FROM NOV



By MOSHE KOHN

Jerusalem as a whole is of primary celestial and spiritual significance and political importance in the 40-century-long history of the Jews.

Here are some vignettes illustrating the Jews' special affinity to the city.

ing benediction. Behind one stall the hawk was shouting: 'Guava! Shehehayanu! The boss has gone off his rocker! Three-and-a-half shekel a kilo instead of five! Guava! Shehehayanu!'

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

Return to Sharm e-Sheikh

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

It was a great meeting at Sharm e-Sheikh. All smiles and jokes. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Hosni Mubarak flirted and schmoozed.

"You see, Mr. President. I told you the media always know what's going on, and call it a failure," joked Bibi chummily, if somewhat one-sidedly, with the Pres from Cairo.

The fact that the meeting was called to resurrect the dead peace process and nothing came out of it - not even a teeny push - did not mar the general cheery flow of non sequiturs about the big decision to meet again.

Indeed, Netanyahu and Mubarak were seen strolling out on the patio of the president's resort home while the Egyptian leader pointed out highlights of the scenery.

MacArthur-like, Netanyahu promised he would return to Sharm e-Sheikh. To fish.

Or was it to scuba dive? One could almost hear background strains of: "We've returned to you once more, O Sharm e-Sheikh," one of the most popular songs in these parts after the Six Day War.

Judging by the elated responses of Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy to the summit, a casual visitor might have assumed some crisis in our relations with Egypt have been solved.

If Netanyahu is being advised by intelligence heads of the inherent dangers of the present situation - at best, a bloody intifada, at worst a crisis leading to confrontation with the Arab world, and our sources assure us that he is - then he certainly isn't showing that it bothers him.

As for Levy, the sources say he is well aware that Israel's international status is low. But he is even more aware that he is powerless to change it.

FRY THE FLAG

Summaries of Netanyahu's first year in government abounded. Scarcely less gloomy than the scathing assessments in the major foreign media and news agencies

was Channel 1's contribution. The channel tolled a solemn bell for the economic recession, escalating unemployment in the development towns, and ordinary citizens torn between disillusion and despair.

Just to show how far the Zionist dream has fizzled, we were forced to watch the nation's flag being burnt in the streets of Mea She'arim on Lag Ba'omer, a few days after haredim on Rehov Bar Ilan stoned policemen standing in attention for the siren in memory of Israel's fallen soldiers.

"Something is just rotten in the haredi education system," concluded a disgusted Ra'anah Cohen, Labor faction chairman. And MKs from all factions nodded in agreement.

Haredi leaders opted for the unconvincing, cliched response that the best defense is attack, and they launched into yet another vicious assault on (surprise!) the media and the leftists.

It's a media and left-wing provocation, howled Jerusalem deputy mayor Haim Miller. He's the one who recently called the flag "a rag."

"I condemn burning the flag but there is no doubt that this is just a slander campaign against the haredi public. Instead of occupying themselves with secular schools' drug problems, they are concerned with whether a flag was burned or not."

Miller claimed that a news photographer had tricked an innocent haredi boy into burning a flag to cause a scandal. He ignored the *Ma'ariv* photographs of a huge bonfire of flags, surrounded by adults.

Unfortunately for him, a video clip from last year, which was broadcast the following day, showed that the ritual burning of the state flag was not an isolated incident on this Lag Ba'omer - nor was it a teenage prank.

Haredi MKs continued to whine that they were only being attacked because they are in power with a right-wing government.

As if realizing the national morale is in dire need of some uplift, the venerable Rabbi Ovadia Yosef came to the rescue with some comic relief.

"All smokers should be put on



Prime Minister Netanyahu (right) and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak have a post-meeting stroll in Sharm e-Sheikh. (Reuters)

trial and given 40 lashes," he quipped.

A few weeks ago, Yosef said clowns and theater actors should get the electric chair. Other sinners - you have been warned. But one wonders what dire tortures the good rabbi might decree for "rag burners."

SHADOW WOMEN

In a much-hyped publicity campaign against domestic violence, in fact, he said, fighting domestic violence is like fighting terrorism.

No problem with the attitude - but why did his sudden concern coincide with his government

slashing the anti-violence campaign budget in half, from NIS 3 million to NIS 1.5m?

And while on women's issues, how come there was not a word on the persisting fact that Israeli women are paid little over half of what their male counterparts in equivalent percentiles earn?

Maybe women can look to Labor's new leadership? Don't bank on it, despite a plethora of campaign promises of affirmative action and greater representation - but not equality.

The leaders of this semi-invisible main opposition party managed a brief photo-op appearance at the Labor women's forum. On their last furlough before next week's primaries, the candidates were bidding for some token women's votes.

Front-runner Ehud Barak promised to give a Scandinavian-

style boost to women in his cabinet, "more than any previous government." That's not saying much - there have never been more than two.

No. 2 in the race, Yossi Beilin, didn't show up but sent a fax pledging to reserve seats for women in party institutions.

"If he's elected," sniffed Barak, "Beilin will be a fax prime minister. You [women] can be fax members of his shadow cabinet."

A day earlier, Beilin had said he would set up a British-style shadow cabinet. In this ethereal body, Barak would be defense minister, Haim Ramon foreign minister, Uzi Baram finance minister, and Shlomo Ben-Ami education minister. The women noted that the female presence there was shadowy indeed.

Barak commented that since Channel 2 made Beilin a *hartzof* double, he had been issuing *Hartzofim* statements. Baram said thanks for the offer, but he had as much chance of being a shadow minister as Beilin had of being a shadow premier.

GRAPEVINE

A star-studded Yiddish feast

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Politely declining the pro-*tektzia* offered by Yiddish-shpil director Shmuel Atzmon, Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office stood in line with other theatergoers at the Mann Auditorium box office and paid for his tickets for the premier of *Rosinkes mit Mandlen* ("Raisins and Almonds"). The wildly appreciative audience in the packed auditorium was a clear indication that it's still way too early to eulogize Yiddish. Seen in the crowd were former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and his wife Shulamit, former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat and his wife Ziva, Benny Bloch, the debonair husband of Hannah Laszlo who stars in the show with Dudu Fisher, Ya'acov Bodo and Monica, former IAF chief Motti Hod and Cellcom President and former GSS chief Ya'acov Peri.

ingly brought up the Zionism/racism issue until the mission he set himself was accomplished.

SEVERAL POSSIBLE scoops went unreported last Thursday night as hundreds of members of the Fourth Estate congregated on the lawns outside Beit Sokolow to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Tel Aviv Journalists Association. However, Uri Dan played a tape of an old scoop: his interview for *Ma'ariv* with Ugandan leader Idi Amin during the Entebbe hijacking.

Urging journalists to continue to fight for freedom of the press, Tel Aviv mayor Ronni Mero promised: "I'll help you even if you write against me."

ICONOCLASTIC historian and former *Jerusalem Post* staffer Benny Morris, who has a penchant for discovering the feet of clay of national idols, was for many years the black sheep of academia as a result of the many flaws which he found in the make-up of David Ben-Gurion. Morris, one of the school of "new historians," has accepted a teaching post at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, effective next February. The Ben-Gurion family was none too happy about that and tried to block the appointment. Now that it's a *fait accompli*, Amos Ben-Gurion, the Old Man's son, is reportedly considering stepping down from the BGU Board of Governors if Morris becomes a campus fixture.

THE MUCH married Larry King is about to do it again. The popular CNN talk-show host is planning to

WHAT IS the greatest tribute that one can pay to a close friend and associate of more than 20 years' standing? When US Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan spoke at Ben-Gurion University at the dedication of the Chaim Herzog Center for Middle Eastern and Diplomatic Research, he recalled how he and Herzog had worked together in the 16-year struggle to overturn the notorious UN resolution equating Zionism with racism. To demonstrate his own repugnance for it, he held up a copy, and in an emulation of Herzog's dramatic dismissal of the resolution at the conclusion of his historic 1975 address to the UN, he tore it up.

In a high-keyed emotional memoir, Foreign Minister David Levy



Larry King (Andrew Eccles)



Tom Hanks: Dreaming of hotels



Shirely Maclaine, doctor? (Hanaoh Gurfmann)

LAST GASP

Sorry! With all the hundred of millions of shekels expenditure on building settlements in the West Bank and the roads around them, there's no money left for your pathetic little gas mask.

Channel 1 reported this week that the only gas-mask plant in Israel is closing this week. The security-with-peace government could not find the NIS 50,000 needed to distribute masks to those whose had ones that were faulty, or to those who didn't get one.

According to the IDF unit in charge of distribution, 1.9 million citizens are in need of new masks. Gasp!

recalled what an honor it had been during his previous term as foreign minister to sign Israel's request to have the resolution rescinded and to share in Herzog's triumph when that request was finally honored. Critics of Herzog's presidential peregrinations abroad never realized that many of his trips were part of a carefully planned strategy to get the nations of the world to reverse their votes of 1975. Moynihan disclosed that in his meetings with the parliaments of the countries which he visited, Herzog un-

take his seventh trip down the aisle - this time with Shawn Southwick, whom he met in front of Tiffany's in Manhattan. The 37-year-old bride-to-be is 26 years his junior.

THE GRASS is always greener on the other side, no matter how successful one may be. Film stars, though always in the limelight, occasionally wish for something else. In a recent television interview, Shirely Maclaine said she'd like to be a doctor, while Tom Hanks said he would like to be in the hotel business.

Dosh is on vacation and will return next week.

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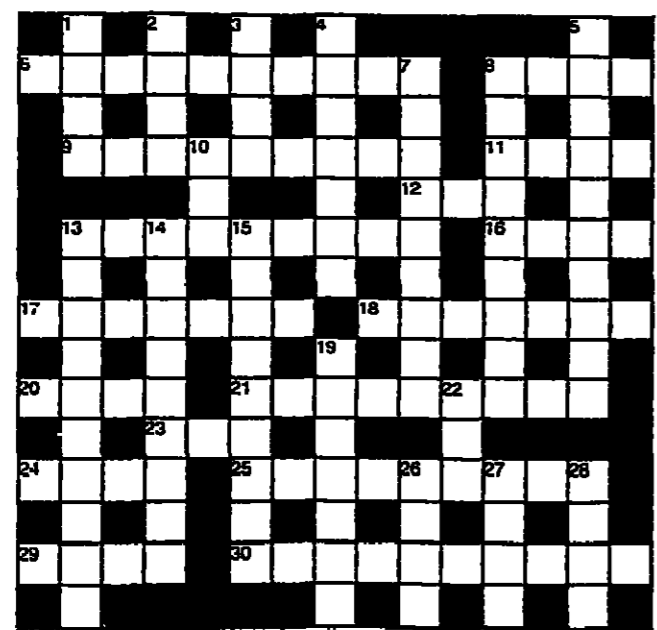
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- 12 It flies back and forth (3)
- 13 Herb added to a Spanish port (9)
- 16 One titled man returns to show the flag (4)
- 17 Saury for the master (7)
- 18 Confident of being given a life policy (7)
- 20 Suffered from a tidal wave (4)
- 21 Lamenting changes, but getting into line (9)
- 23 Yield to pressure over fuel (3)

- 24 Retired general is heartened by incisiveness (4)
- 25 Sick comedy engenders bad temper (3,6)
- 29 Ornamental design causing distress (4)
- 30 Becoming distraught when rejected by others (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 Well-established business (4)
- 2 Hear Oscar's disorderly (4)
- 3 Secular lecturer upset US agents (4)
- 4 Novelist read by males in Jerusalem (7)



- 5 Obstruction caused by one-metre gable (10)
- 7 People at home give grave offence (6,3)
- 8 Giving coppers freedom of action is commonplace (9)
- 10 East-End woman's right to be wrong (3)
- 13 Obey calls to enter the church (4,6)
- 14 Serve as soldiers now (9)
- 15 A retired cleric growing old and getting mean (9)
- 19 Evil admission by idle blackguard (7)
- 22 Dad's mate is silent (3)
- 26 Strongly recommend some of our German friends (4)
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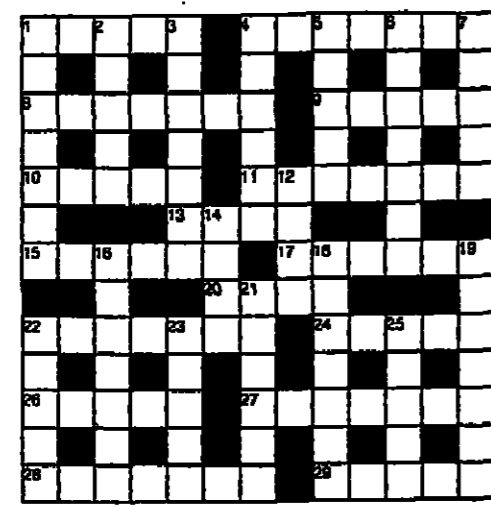
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TASE ROUNDUP

Stocks follow company earnings down

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By FELICE MARANZ

Stock indexes retreated from their all-time highs amid mixed company earnings reports.

Bank Hapoalim surpassed expectations, while Bezeq Ltd. and Blue Square reported lower-than-expected earnings.

Chemical companies rose, second day after Israel Chemicals Ltd. said net income rose by 48%.

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London down due to concerns over EMU

LONDON (Reuters) - The FTSE 100 ended with modest losses, as concerns about the fate of EMU in the wake of the Bundesbank row with Bonn and worries about the outcome of the French elections were softened by a late advance in the US bond market.

ZURICH - Shares closed little changed after a volatile session marked by the tendency of Swiss stocks to fluctuate in line with moves in other markets.

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Stocks end mixed; Dow industrials slip

NEW YORK (AP) - Smaller-company shares set a new high for the fifth straight session, but blue-chip shares fell modestly yesterday as investors found few incentives to bid that pricey sector further into record territory.

Broader indicators were mixed. The technology-heavy Nasdaq market succumbed to some profit-taking after closing at record highs for three straight sessions.

Romania begins to return Jewish assets

By DAVID HARRIS. The Romanian government has handed over six properties that belonged to the Jewish community before World War II to a Jewish foundation, according to a statement from the government received in Jerusalem by the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO).

Hungary and Slovakia. "They haven't given all that we wanted, but an acceptable amount, given their poor financial situation," he said.

Speaking at the 10th B'nai B'rith World Center Jerusalem Address, WJRO vice-chairman Naphtali Lavie attacked the governments of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Belarus, and Moldova for not taking the issue of restitution sufficiently seriously.

Lavie also attacked the Romanian administration for not keeping a verbal agreement with the WJRO made on April 9. It stipulated the foundation, to be jointly run by the WJRO and local Jewish communities, would receive returned communal properties.

Lavie's contention, as in the case of Poland, is that the 12,000 to 14,000 Jews remaining in Romania, while having a valid right to the properties, should not be the sole beneficiaries. There are an estimated 400,000 Romanian Jews living in Israel, and they too are entitled to a share in the properties.

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SETTLERS

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According to Ginsburg, long-term plans call for 5,000 housing units for the three communities, whose judicial borders spread over 5,600 dunams. Almost a third of that land, is built on today, says Ginsburg, including public buildings and green areas.

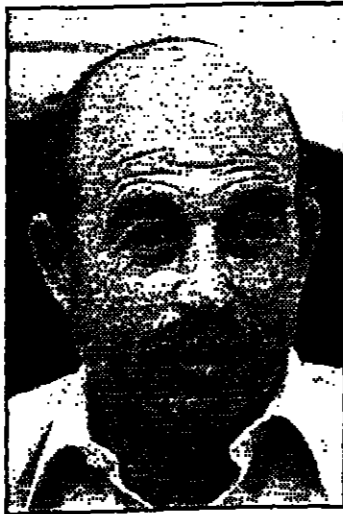
The communities, says council secretary Haya Schochener, are closely knit.

Karnei Shomron is an entirely religious community and Givat Shomron contains both secular and religious Jews.

But Neveh Menahem, she said, has many problems.

According to Schechner, 20 of the original 120 homes were purchased by residents before the freeze.

The remaining 100 have been occupied by squatters, and the



Elkana Mayor Nissan Slomiansky (Sarit Uziely)

government has done nothing to get them out. "But the Housing Ministry has

decided to sell the houses, and is offering the squatters a chance to buy their own. We hope that those who don't buy will be ousted." (See story, page 20.)

According to Yesha Council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar, 95% of the construction consists of structures built in the time of the former government that were frozen.

"With the former government, we needed to obtain building permits from five separate committees.

"Now we still have five committees, but each stage has to be approved personally by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai," she says, adding that this is often the reason for long delays.

Settlers are frustrated. The government promised to strengthen communities in Judea and Samaria and allow construction in Jewish Hebron, says Tayar, but nothing has happened.



Merav Halawi and Nurit Dadon: 'People will refuse to leave.'

(Sarit Uziely)

Squatting in Neveh Menahem

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Hot winds blow dust into the almost deserted streets, tossing litter into the air and whistling through the weeds growing around two-story concrete block buildings, left deserted and unfinished.

Two young women, one pushing a stroller, talk to each other, smoking as they walk.

Eighteen months ago, Merav Halawi, 22, moved with her husband and two young children from Kfar Saba to Neveh Menahem.

"Yes we are squatters, we heard about this place from friends," she says.

Halawi says there were no doors, toilets, windows or electricity when they moved in, and adds that they fixed everything themselves.

"In winter the house leaks and the children are constantly ill."

According to Halawi there are 100 squatters in Neveh Menahem, mainly young married couples with small children; the husbands usually work in Kfar Saba. Some have been there for as long as four years.

Just recently, says Halawi, the Housing Ministry sent letters offering the squatters the opportunity to buy their houses for \$70,000. "My husband earns NIS 3,000 a month. How can we afford a mortgage with two small children," she asks,

adding: "People will commit suicide; they won't be able to pay and will refuse to leave."

Nurit Dadon, 20, originally from Haifa, married and lived with her in-laws in Kfar Saba until she and her husband were thrown out of the house.

"I was pregnant at the time, and I lived with my husband in the car for several months until someone told us about this place."

In Neveh Menahem, say Dadon and Halawi, there is a school and day care center, but nothing else.

"We pay the municipality, but for what?" asks Dadon. Pointing at the barren streets, Halawi says that the community has become a haven for

alcoholics and drug addicts.

Samaria police commander Amikam Harpaz admits that some of those living in Neveh Menahem have a criminal past. "In the past, we have received requests from officials of Karnei Shomron and the Housing Ministry (to evict) squatters there," he says.

However, Harpaz adds, when police attempted to intervene, the Housing Ministry retracted its request. "Everyone here is afraid to speak up," she says, adding that homes are broken in to every day.

"Who wants to raise kids in a place like this?" she adds, as the two young women, still smoking, walk away.

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Wiesenthal Center's plan for new museum met with skepticism

By TOM TUGEND

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"We are close to acquiring a property and are putting together an advisory board in Israel, whose members will range from the far left to fervently Orthodox haredim," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean.

The new project will draw on the practical experience derived from running the center's popular Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, which deals with the Holocaust and other outgrowths of racism and ethnic hatred. However, the Jerusalem museum will not duplicate these themes, Cooper said.

"It would be ludicrous to try and build a second Yad Vashem in Jerusalem," said Cooper. No permanent name has been selected for the museum, but Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the

Wiesenthal Center, used the Talmudic phrase *kavod habriot*, or Respect for Mankind, to indicate the thrust of its mission.

The museum will address two main themes. One will deal with the last 100 years of Jewish history in Israel and the Diaspora, expressed mainly through the encapsulated experiences of Jews in different times and places.

The second, and more controversial, part of the project will focus on contemporary issues that represent "flash points" of tension and strife among different segments of the Jewish world. Likely examples are confrontations between haredim and secular Israelis, or between American Jewry and Israeli lawmakers on the legitimacy of non-Orthodox conversions.

The museum project has been met with skepticism, and even derision, by two Israelis quoted in the weekly *Forward*.

Holocaust historian Raul Hilberg suggested that the new museum might copy the interactive, high-tech techniques of the Museum of Tolerance.

"It will probably be a little bit of Disneyland with voices and disappearing bodies," Hilberg said. "This is not my cup of tea."

Avner Shalev, chairman of the Yad Vashem directorate, also had reservations. "I knew they had some kinds of confused ideas in the past, but we have the feeling that we don't need [the proposed museum]," he said.

Qualified support came from Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "I think it's important to help Israel deal with its intolerance problem. I'm not sure a museum is a way to do it," Foxman told the *Forward*.

Cooper declined to respond to Hilberg, but he expressed surprise at Shalev's comments. "We have had two long meetings with Mr. Shalev, at which we explained our plans in detail," said Cooper.

After the site for the Jerusalem museum in purchased, it will take about five years until the opening day, Cooper estimated.



By BEVERLEE BLACK

Thanks to local music lovers, our Funds are NIS 8,000 richer. How come? For the past year, the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem has been running intimate Saturday night wine-and-cheese concerts in its lovely hall.

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It seems that every social worker and anyone else working with the needy in Israel has heard about the Funds. Unfortunately, the requests for help far exceed

Wine, cheese and charity

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Soccer season draws to a tame close

By ORI LEWIS

The long National League season winds down for its summer break as the final round of matches is played today and tomorrow. With all the major championship, promotion, relegation and European berth issues settled, the final round of action is mainly an exercise of protocol.

Six of the eight matches will be played this afternoon, allowing players and officials to take their summer holiday as soon as possible, before the next season begins already at the end of July, the earliest-ever start here.

The only match of any substantial interest is the one between Maccabi Petah Tikva and Maccabi Tel Aviv. Simply because after their abysmal season - by their standards, at least - the Tel Avivians will want to end the season with a win, after losing the State Cup final to Hapoel Beersheba in midweek and after losing five league matches in a row.

If Maccabi Tel Aviv don't win and Maccabi Haifa beat Hapoel Kfar Sava, they could clinch fifth place and a possible summer place in the Interoto Cup.

Today, Hapoel Taiba will say goodbye to the National League when they take on Hapoel Jerusalem at Teddy Stadium in the capital. It will be a poignant match for the Taibans, who will be leaving their fellow-promotees from last season in the top flight, while their dream has been shattered by an awful season which saw the death of Wahib Jbara during a match.

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off today at 16:30 unless stated):

Zefirion Holon v. Hapoel Beersheba, 16:30; Hapoel Haifa v. Maccabi Herzliya, 17:00; Elitzur Be'er Sheva v. Maccabi Petah Tikva, 17:00; Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Hapoel Beersheba, 17:00; Hapoel Be'er Sheva v. Hapoel Haifa, 17:00; Hapoel Be'er Sheva v. Hapoel Beersheba, 17:00; Hapoel Be'er Sheva v. Hapoel Beersheba, 17:00.

Major youth track meet set for Haifa this weekend

By HEATHER CHAIT

Haifa's brand new athletics stadium at Neve Sha'anun will host an international athletic junior (under-19) meet tomorrow and Sunday.

Seven countries and 200 athletes will compete in the event, the biggest of its kind to be held in Israel.

Taking part will be athletes from Greece, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Cyprus, Croatia, Turkey and Israel.

For the local talent, the meet is a testing ground for two important upcoming events in July - the Youth Olympics in Lisbon, Portugal and the European Youth Championships in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Anat Morad from Hapoel Petah Tikva is expected to seize the limelight in the 100 meter sprint against tough competition from Cypriot

Merilia Gregorian. Morad's best time is 14.26 seconds against Gregorian's 13.89, achieved just last week. Of their three previous clashes, Morad has won twice. Morad will also appear in the 200 meters.

Another interesting clash will be the 1,500m where Dirba Mokot from Elitzur Migdal Ha'emek will feature. Mokot's time of 3:56.0 will be challenged by Scotland's Paul Myerland whose best time is 4:00.4.

Mokat, who holds the national record for the 10,000m, will also compete in the 5,000m where his best is 15:00.

High jumper Adi Morad (Elitzur Yavne), who already has a place at the European Youth Championships with her leap of 2.14 meters, will be tested by athletes from Greece and Cyprus.

The competition begins at 5 p.m. on both days. Entry is free.

More misery for Taylor while others prosper

BRISTOL (Reuters) - Beleaguered Australia captain Mark Taylor failed again yesterday to find the runs needed to head off increasing calls for him to be replaced ahead of the start of the Ashes Test series.

Taylor managed to add just 11 more runs to his overnight 19 before he fell low in Australia's second innings on the third and final day of their match against current county championship leaders Gloucestershire.

To make matters worse, fellow left-handers Matthew Elliott and Justin Langer both made full use of the ideal batting conditions to hit centuries as Australia made 354 for four declared. The match was then called off early as a draw.

It had looked the ideal opportunity for Taylor to play himself back into

form after a series of low scores and 18 months without a Test half century.

But he was never at ease and faced 106 balls for his 30 runs before being mugged leg before by spinner Martyn Ball.

Taylor now has just two innings in the three-day match against Derbyshire starting tomorrow to answer his growing number of critics before the first test begins next Thursday.

It would hardly have helped his peace of mind when fellow opener Elliott and Langer joined in a second wicket partnership of 192 in 51 overs.

Elliott made 124 before falling leg before to pacesman Michael Smith while Langer finished unbeaten on 152.

Ian Chappell accuses selectors of lacking guts

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Former Australia cricket captain Ian Chappell yesterday accused Test selectors of failing in their duty by lacking the guts to sack out-of-form skipper Mark Taylor.

But a national selector hit back by dismissing Chappell's outburst as a cheap shot from the sidelines as the debate over Taylor's fate on tour in England intensified.

Chappell said the Australian Cricket Board selectors must immediately remove opener Taylor as a liability ahead of next week's first Ashes Test against England at Edgbaston.

Describing the selection panel as the worst in his memory, Chappell said: "The selectors have got Australia into this mess and it's about time they had some guts and made the decision."

"They've abdicated their duty. Why have selectors if they're not going to take the tough decisions?" said Chappell, who is working as a television commentator in England during the six-test Ashes series, starting in Birmingham on June 5.

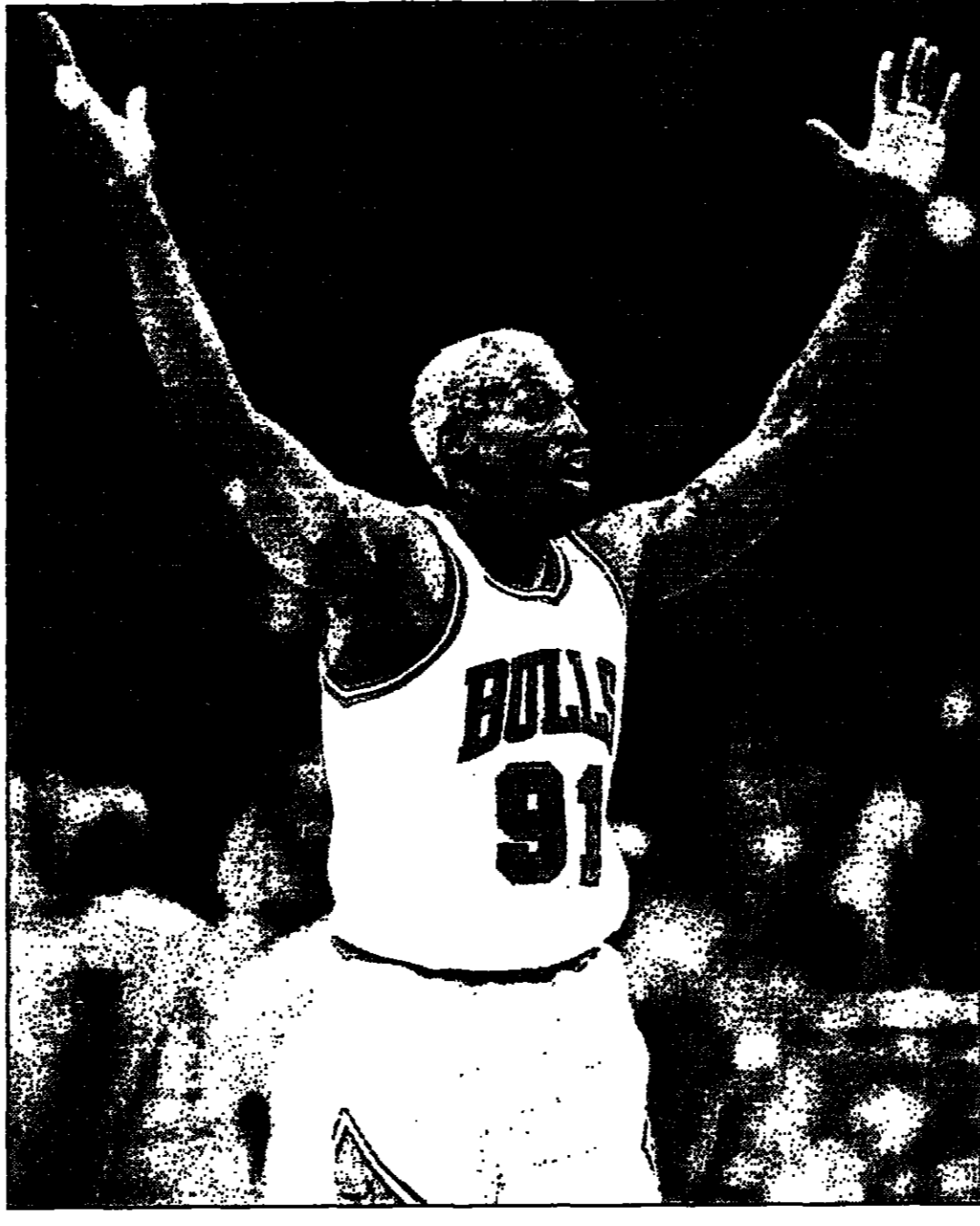
Taylor, who has failed to score a Test 50 since late 1995, has come under increasing pressure after a run of failures in recent tour matches in England.

His immediate future rests with a three-man tour selection panel comprising coach Geoff Marsh, vice-captain Steve Waugh and Taylor himself.

Chappell, who believes such an arrangement puts Waugh in an impossible position, said selectors at home must take the tough decision to drop the opener.

But selector Peter Taylor said: "I disagree wholeheartedly with what Chappell has to say. It's a cheap shot." He said Chappell, despite his full-time involvement in cricket, had failed to volunteer his help to the ACB in the past.

"He is sitting up in the bleachers. He doesn't have to make the hard decisions, whereas we do and we have done." Taylor said the decision over the captain's fate would rest with the tour selectors in line with past practice when an Australian team travels overseas.



ANOTHER NAIL IN MIAMI'S COFFIN - Dennis Rodman celebrates after sinking a three-point shot in the third quarter of game 4 in the Eastern finals playoffs in Chicago. (Reuters)

Bulls reach finals with easy win over Miami

CHICAGO (Reuters) - Michael Jordan scored 15 of his 28 points in the first quarter as the defending champion Chicago Bulls returned to the NBA Finals with a 100-87 victory over the Miami Heat on Wednesday.

The Bulls eliminated the feisty but undermanned Heat in five games in the Eastern Conference finals and await the winner of the Western Conference series between the Utah Jazz and the Houston Rockets. They reached the NBA Finals for the fifth time in seven years, also winning titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

After failing to sweep the Heat in Game Four in Miami, the Bulls returned home and quickly took control.

They never trailed, scoring the first eight points and opening a 33-19 lead after one quarter. The Heat never got within single digits thereafter.

Chicago won without any contribution from Scottie Pippen, who suffered a sprained left foot midway through the first quarter and did not return. Luc Longley and Ron Harper picked up the slack with 14 points apiece.

Rios sidesteps another Black

PARIS (Reuters) - Chile's Marcelo Rios refused to allow the sun to set on his French Open ambitions on Thursday during a late-night duel with Zimbabwe's Byron Black which provided the final chapter to an epic family saga.

With day-light fading fast on Centre court, the seventh-seeded Rios finally clinched a remarkable 5-7, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 6-0 second round win, just 48 hours after surviving another five-set marathon against Black's younger brother Wayne.

The moody Chilean left-hander had looked likely to become the fourth man to disappear when he lost the second set tie-break 7-6 to Black, who appeared to have exposed his opponent's inconsistency.

Even late in the fourth set, the 67th-ranked Black found himself just two points from the match only for the 21-year-old Rios to recover a degree of the form which earned him the Monte Carlo title last month.

The end eventually arrived after 3-14 hours, seeing Rios a third round clash with local favourite Armand Boetsch in the bottom quarter of the draw where former champions Michael Chang and Sergi Bruguera are also lurking.

Rios' escape contrasted with the fate of teenage American prodigy Venus Williams, another colourful individual who even at the age of 16 seems destined to enliven the world of tennis.

Few players in their first grand slam tournament can ever have hit the ball harder than the 1.83-meter Williams, clad in eye-catching skin-tight silver lycra with white hair beads as accessories and there will be days when her extraordinary strength will be enough on its own.

But Tauziat, one of the oldest women in the draw at 29, bravely negotiated her way out of two break points on her own serve which would have put Venus 5-4 ahead in the final set and held on to clinch victory in two hours 23 minutes when her opponent ballooned a wild second serve long on match point.

Williams, a spiky personality who could almost audition as a junior version of singer Grace Jones, was in unsmiling mood afterwards but did say she intended to return to Paris next year.

Tauziat's impending clash with Seles is not without an edge of its own, after the French player's criticisms of the ex-champion for excessive grunting when the pair met at Wimbledon.

Seles, who beat France's Sarah Pitkowski 6-3, 7-5, was just one of a clutch of former French champions to move stealthily into the third round on another glorious sunny afternoon.

Sergi Bruguera, Michael Chang and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario dropped only one set between them, but women's world No. 1 Martina Hingis was fortunate to survive after an unconvincing 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 win over Italian world No. 75 Gloria Pizzichini.

Pizzichini will not be allowed to forget the double fault she served when just a point away from a set and 5-3 lead, but it could easily be a defining moment in Hingis's fortnight.

The only seed to fall in either the men's or women's draw was Spain's Felix Mantilla, the latest victim of Sweden's Magnus Larsson.

Larsson, who dismissed former champion Jim Courier in the first round, beat the 10th seed 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 and could yet be a threat to second seed Chang who is in the same quarter of the draw.

Tyson, Holyfield to get \$30m. each for rematch

LAS VEGAS (Reuters) - Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson each will receive a guaranteed \$30 million for their heavy-weight title rematch next month, promoter Don King said on Wednesday.

There were reports in recent months that Tyson was to have received \$5-\$10 million less than Holyfield and that Tyson was upset with not receiving parity with the man who thoroughly beat him up before stopping him in the 11th round of their first fight November 9.

But in a telephone conference call on Wednesday, King said: "Mike is getting \$30 million too." King said the two fighters will share in the receipts from pay-per-view television for the June 28 fight if the sales exceed a certain number. He would not reveal that threshold.

The rematch had been scheduled for May 3, but Tyson suffered a cut in sparring and the fight was rescheduled.

"Team Tyson" - as the man who handle the former champion like to refer to themselves - say their man is in the best shape of his life.

Richie Giachetti, brought in after Tyson lost his World Boxing Association title to Holyfield, said he has returned to the methods of Tyson's first boxing mentor, Cus D'Amato.

"I am bringing Mike back to what he had when he had the title. We're just working on what he does the best and putting it together," Giachetti said.

SPORTS in brief

Basketball coach Yaacobson dies at 64
Former national team basketball coach Shmuel Yaacobson died yesterday. He was 64. Yaacobson, a veteran coach of many of Israel's National League teams in the 'seventies and early 'eighties, was mentor to many of today's top basketball coaches. His funeral takes place in Ramat Hasharon today. *Post Sports Staff*

Ohana, Dadash tax probe continues
The income tax authority's investigation of Betar Jerusalem soccer club continued yesterday with club captain Eli Ohana and chairman Moshe Dadash being questioned for eight hours. The authority suspects the club of having paid players and giving them perks without deducting tax. The players, for their part are suspected of being accomplices by having knowledge of the wrongdoings.

The investigation of Ohana and Dadash is set to continue on Sunday and both are expected to be arrested and then released on bail. Other players and officials may also be probed.

Meanwhile, Ronnen Harazi posted NIS50,000 bail yesterday and was given back his passport so that he can travel with the national team to Russia next week. *Ori Lewis*

Harrods boss buys big stake in Fulham
LONDON (Reuters) - Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of luxury London department store Harrods, has agreed to become the major shareholder in English Second Division soccer club Fulham, Harrods said yesterday.

Egyptian-born businessman Al Fayed will become club chairman as part of the deal while the club has re-acquired the freehold to its Craven Cottage stadium on the banks of the river Thames in west London. The new owners have promised substantial investment to acquire players and improve and develop a stadium which the club has occupied for a century.

Sports happening with a mission
The English Speaking Residents Association's (ESRA) Twilight Event of Bowls, Bridge and BBQ on Monday evening, June 9, is a sports happening with a worthwhile cause.

Funds collected will go to ESRA's Afternoon Learning Center in Or Akiva.

The center, one of five operated by the group, provides supplementary education for 170 immigrant and disadvantaged school children.

At the event, which begins at 5 p.m. at Ra'anana's Bowling Club, bowls and bridge will be organized by Teddy Edelstein and Ed Silverman respectively. The barbecue, open to all, players and families alike, will follow the competitions.

For details and tickets call: 09 9580632. *Heather Chait*

Ronaldo confirms he is leaving Barcelona

BARCELONA (Reuters) - Brazilian striker Ronaldo has confirmed he will be leaving Barcelona and has fired a parting shot at club president Jose Luis Nunez.

"Everything Nunez has said is a lie and we no longer need to negotiate with them," Ronaldo said in an interview published in Spanish sports daily *Marea* yesterday.

"He tells me one thing and my agents something else. He has been cheating us for seven months. It's sad, but I'm leaving," he added.

The interview, given to a specially invited group of journalists on Wednesday evening, came after a hectic 24 hours of talks, in which Ronaldo's agents had appeared to accept, and then pull out of, a deal to improve his contract.

One of the sticking points in the negotiations was whether a bonus payment of 2.0 billion pesetas (\$14 million) should be paid in Spain or in a tax haven.

A club spokesman said yesterday the talks had broken down but added Ronaldo remained a Barcelona player.

Spanish commentators are assuming that Italy's Internazionale Milan will shortly pay the 4.5 billion pesetas (\$31 million) necessary to free Ronaldo from his existing contract.

Internazionale president Massimo Moratti said yesterday the Italian Serie A club had made an offer to sign Ronaldo but stopped short of confirming a deal had been done.

Barcelona's spokesman said Ronaldo would not play again for the club this season.

The Brazilian striker will therefore sit out the Spanish Cup final against Real Betis on June 28 as well as three league games he had been expected to miss because of international duty.

Nunez has taken the news of Ronaldo's departure philosophically. "We've saved ourselves 15 billion pesetas over 10 years," said Nunez. "In life, it's better to take on the minimal possible risk."

Speculation over Ronaldo's replacement has already begun, with England captain Alan Shearer heading the list of candidates.

Mets trounce Expos 7-0

MONTREAL (Reuters) - Bobby Jones threw a four-hitter to become the National League's first nine-game winner as the New York Mets defeated the Montreal Expos 7-0 on Wednesday.

Jones (9-2) joined Toronto's Roger Clemens and Baltimore's Jimmy Key as the only nine-game winners in the major leagues.

He surrendered four singles, walked two and struck out seven.

Carlos Baerga sparked the offense with his first homer of the season and four RBI for the Mets, who beat Martinez (8-1) for the first time in 15 career meetings. Baerga entered the game with eight RBI in 147 at-bats.

Martinez, who had been practically unhittable this season, was tagged for seven runs - two earned - and seven hits in just five innings. He walked three and struck out five in his shortest outing of the season.

Reds 5, White Sox 3
In Boston, Mike Stanley capped a three-run fifth inning with a two-run single and Will Cardoza drove in two runs as the Boston Red Sox won their third straight game, 5-3 over the Chicago White Sox.

Boston trailed 2-1 entering the fifth inning before scoring three runs off starter Wilson Alvarez (3-6).

Aaron Sele (6-3) won his second straight start, allowing three runs and four hits with one walk and three strikeouts over six innings. John Wasdin struck out four in two scoreless innings and Heathcliff Slocumb worked the ninth for his sixth save.

Reds 2, Phillies 0
In Cincinnati, Kent Mercker and three relievers combined on an eight-hitter and Barry Larkin scored both runs as the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 2-0.

Cincinnati has won five of its last six and took three of the four games in the series from Philadelphia.

Dortmund players get heroes' welcome home

DORTMUND (Reuters) - Tens of thousands of fans turned out yesterday to welcome home Borussia Dortmund's European Cup-winning players as they paraded their trophy in a motorcade through the German city.

Fittingly, the team began the motorcade at a steelworks on the outskirts of the city, which has a long tradition of heavy industry. Crowds of fans dressed in the club colors of bright yellow and black ran alongside the parade.

The players, aboard a huge truck decorated in yellow and black and decked with sunflowers, sipped beer, waved and signed autographs as the procession inched forwards in bright sunshine.

Borussia general manager Michael Meier said Wednesday's victory was important for the club, the city and Germany's depressed Ruhr Valley industrial heartland.

"Winning the European Cup proves everything in a sporting sense," he said. "But it should also serve as proof for the people of the city and the region that they can be confident about themselves." Police said around 15,000 fans had gathered in the central Friedriehsplatz square and 5,000 had gathered in another square, the Borsigplatz, where Dortmund legend has it that a group of workers first got

together to found Borussia in 1909.

Thousands more of Dortmund's 600,000 residents were out in the streets to celebrate the first time their team had won the continent's most prestigious club competition and only their second ever European trophy.

Their first came in 1965, when Borussia defeated Liverpool in the Cup Winners' Cup final in Glasgow.

Wednesday's 2-0 win over Juventus completed a remarkable double for the Ruhr Valley club. Dortmund's neighbours Schalke claimed the UEFA Cup with another triumph over the Italian opposition in the form of Internazionale of Milan.

The victory could not have come at a better time for those intent on celebrating in style. Most Dortmunders had yesterday off work anyway because of the Corpus Christi public holiday.

Local and national newspapers reflected the general mood of euphoria, splashing black and yellow headlines across their front pages to proclaim the first European Cup triumph by any German side since 1963.

"Borussissima!" declared *Bild*, Germany's best-selling newspaper, with some creative use of the Italian language to describe its feelings. "We're the kings of Europe."

"The dream has come true!" Dortmund's main local newspaper, the *Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, stated.

National League				American League			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	15	16	.485	Baltimore	18	18	.500
Florida	18	19	.484	New York	18	18	.500
New York	22	22	.500	Toronto	22	22	.500
Mets	23	23	.500	Dallas	23	23	.500
Philadelphia	19	22	.460	Boston	27	27	.500
Central Division				West Division			
Kansas	28	26	.520	San Francisco	29	29	.500
Pittsburgh	25	26	.489	Colorado	27	27	.500
St. Louis	21	28	.429	Los Angeles	27	27	.500
Chicago	19	31	.380	San Diego	28	28	.500
Cincinnati	19	32	.373				

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